

UnitedHealthcare is Waiving Cost Share for Medicare Advantage Members

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UnitedHealthcare is waiving cost share (copays, coinsurance and deductibles) for UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan members for all covered office-based professional services performed by both primary care physicians and specialists with dates of service starting **May 11, 2020 until at least Sept. 30, 2020**. Waiving cost share for primary care and specialty care can make it easier for members to get the care they need, however they choose to access it.

This applies to all UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage members, including Group and all Special Needs Plan (SNP) members. More information about the Medicare Advantage cost share can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 Cost Share Recap

Waiving cost share for Medicare Advantage members is in addition to actions they've already taken to waive cost sharing across our Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, and Individual and fully insured Group Market health plans for telehealth visits, as well as COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits, treatment and antibody testing.

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Updated Telehealth Audio-Visual Requirements

Starting May 11, 2020, telehealth visits for Medicare Advantage members, including DSNP members, must be an interactive audio-video visit (such as Zoom, FaceTime, Skype, Google Duo or dedicated telehealth solutions) to qualify for reimbursement, except for certain audio-only visits classified by CMS on May 1, 2020. Medicare fee schedule rates for audio-only evaluation and management codes have been adjusted retroactively for dates of service March 1, 2020 or later, such that reimbursement aligns with in-office fee schedule rates for comparable codes.

Cost share for both covered interactive audio-video telehealth visits and audio-only telehealth visits will continue to be waived.