

Medicare minute

Group retiree news



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Extended support for retirees

We are extending cost-sharing waivers and benefits to help members get the care they need during the pandemic. We will keep waivers in place for all cost-sharing and copays for inpatient admissions for COVID-19 and related care. This applies to fully insured commercial, Medicare Advantage and certain Medicaid plans.

For behavioral health and mental health counseling

We are also extending all member cost-sharing waivers for in-network telehealth visits. This action applies to outpatient behavioral care and mental health counseling.

These waivers were set to expire on September 30, 2020. They now go through the end of the year.

Special delivery for Medicare members

We are shipping “Caring for You” kits to more than 2.7 million Medicare Advantage members across the country. As the pandemic continues and flu season begins, these kits will help Medicare members with simple self-care at home. There’s a thermometer, hand sanitizer and two Aetna-branded face masks, plus other items.

This builds on our efforts to help Medicare members during this public health crisis.



Flu shots for the fall

With the ongoing health impacts of COVID-19, we remind the public it is more important than ever to stay current with vaccinations and other routine health care needs. A flu shot this fall is a proactive measure to improve general health. It’s a way for people to protect themselves against seasonal flu, help safeguard the community and lessen the impact on health care resources.

Flu shots are now offered at nearly 10,000 CVS Pharmacy® and approximately 1,100 MinuteClinic® sites. Both CVS Pharmacy and MinuteClinic offer options for people of all ages. They can get their flu shot seven days a week. There are even expanded evening and weekend hours.

MinuteClinic is the retail health clinic of CVS Health. It’s found inside select CVS Pharmacy and Target® stores.

Read the [CVS Health release](#) to learn how patients can set up a time for a flu shot.

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