

Support for care providers affected by tropical storms

Our priority is making sure people have immediate and easy access to the care they need and that we're supporting you and your practice. We're taking the following actions to help those who may be affected by severe weather.

These measures are effective for those enrolled in UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and Individual and Group Market fully insured health plans, unless otherwise noted. Dates subject to change.

Texas, statewide, effective for dates of service from Aug. 23 through Oct. 22, 2020

- **Those enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):** For those directly affected in a material way by the emergency, we will make the following provisions to meet the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Section 1135 waiver requirements:
 - **Waivers and Flexibilities for Individual Health Care Providers, Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities:** CMS will be temporarily waiving or modifying certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements, including the following:
 - Waive certain conditions of participation, certification requirements, program participation or similar requirements for providers, including pre-approval requirements.
 - Waive requirements that physicians or other health care professionals hold licenses in the affected state if they have an equivalent license from another state.
 - Relax limitations on obtaining physician referrals.
 - For Medicare Advantage Organizations only, permit enrollees to go out of network, and receive covered benefits at the in-network cost-sharing level.
 - **Ensuring Access to Care in Medicare Advantage and Part D:** Independent of the Section 1135 waiver, during a public health emergency, Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Plan sponsors must take steps to maintain access to covered benefits for beneficiaries in affected areas. These steps include following the CMS Chapter 4, Section 150 guidance in allowing Part A/B and supplemental Part C plan benefits to be furnished at specified non-contracted facilities and waiving, in full, requirements for gatekeeper referrals where applicable.

Affected areas, dates and measures may change. Additional benefits or limitations may apply in some states and under some plans during this time. We will adjudicate benefits in accordance with the member's health plan.

Texas, certain counties, effective for dates of service from Sept. 21 through Oct. 6, 2020

Counties: Anderson, Aransas, Angelina, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Dallas, Fort Bend, Franklin, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Rufugio, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Wailer, Wharton, Willacy and Wood

- **UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage members:** For members in evacuation areas or otherwise directly affected in a material way by the emergency, we will make the following provisions to meet the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements:
 - Allow Part A and Part B and supplemental Part C plan benefits to be furnished at specified non-contracted facilities (note that Part A and Part B benefits must, per 42 CFR §422.204(b)(3), be furnished at Medicare certified facilities).
 - Waive in full requirements for gatekeeper referrals, where applicable.
 - Temporarily reduce plan-approved out-of-network cost-sharing to in-network cost-sharing amounts.
 - Waive the 30-day notification requirement to enrollees as long as all of the changes (such as reduction of cost-sharing and waiving authorization) benefit the enrollee.

If you have questions, please call the Provider Services number on the member's ID card. Thank you.

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