

Good morning,

I am sure you have already been receiving our almost daily Corona updates but two recent developments have just been announced that I felt were important for me to share directly with you:

Waiving Cost Sharing

Blue Shield will be waiving cost sharing for all COVID-19 treatments through May 31, 2020. The COVID-19 treatments include those covered under Medicare or Medi-Cal. This policy applies to customers who are covered under Blue Shield's individual and family plans (IFP), Medicare Supplemental plans, as well as **employer**/union sponsored plans. Blue Shield will also administer the waiver to self-insured group health plans, and the company encourages widespread participation, although these plans will have an opportunity to opt-out of the waiver option.

We will be providing details on the specifics of this new decision as soon as we can.

Special Open Enrollment

In case you missed our [newsletter announcement earlier this week](#), we are enrolling members off-anniversary through a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) through June 30, 2020. This SEP is for employees who previously declined coverage for themselves or their dependents. This applies to all fully insured small group (1-100) and large group (101+) employers. Self-funded plan sponsors typically determine eligibility of group coverage, which is described in their Plan Document.

- For an April 1, 2020, effective date, enrollment request must be received no later than April 15.
- For May 1, June 1, and July 1 effective dates, enrollment requests must be received on or before the 1st of the month for which enrollment is being requested

With health,

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