Notice Date: April 10, 2023

To: Arkansas PASSE Providers

From: CareSource PASSE

Subject: Public Health Emergency Ending – Updates to Benefits and Rates -

UPDATE

Effective Date: May 11, 2023

This notification has been updated to include the information in red text below.

Summary

Effective May 11, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) plans to end the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19. Beginning May 12, 2023, CareSource PASSE will remove certain benefit and rate changes that were implemented during the pandemic to support members and providers.

Impact

Prior Authorization – CareSource PASSE will no longer waive prior authorizations for the services and prescriptions previously announced below:

Notification	Date
COVID-19: Oral Therapies	2/24/2022

CareSource PASSE will also no longer waive out-of-network and place of service requirements for certain services.

Importance

CareSource PASSE continues to monitor federal and state guidance in response to COVID-19 trends. The updates to benefits and rates helps ensure the appropriateness of services and prescriptions. For more information on the ending of the Public Health Emergency, please view the Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Questions?

We thank our providers for your partnership in caring for our membership throughout the pandemic. Please contact Provider Services at **1-833-230-2100** Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time (CT) if you have any questions.

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