

# NETWORK Notification

Notice Date: June 22, 2023

To: Georgia Medicaid Providers

From: CareSource

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

**UPDATE** 

Effective Date: May 13, 2023

This notification was updated to remove the <<u>COVID-19</u>: <u>Vaccination Billing Resource</u>, <u>COVID-19</u>: <u>Vaccination Billing Resource – UPDATE</u> and <u>Promoting Telehealth for COVID-19</u> notices> from the list below, as well as to add the information in **red text**.

# Summary

Effective May 11, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) ended the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. Beginning May 13, 2023, CareSource began removing certain benefit and rate changes that were implemented during the pandemic to support members and providers.

### **Impact**

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

Notification	Date
COVID-19: At-Home Diagnostic Test Billing Guidance	5/13/2022
COVID-19: Oral Therapy	5/4/2022
COVID-19: CareSource Vaccination Billing Guidance	3/8/2021
COVID-19: Vaccination Billing Resource – This notification has been revised. See notification dated 07/14/2021.	1/29/2021
COVID-19: CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Update	6/22/2020
COVID-19: CDC Health Alert on Chloroquine	4/7/2020
COVID-19: Dental Provider Resources	4/28/2020
Protecting Members and Reducing the Spread of COVID-19	3/23/2020

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

## **Importance**

CareSource 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 <u>Fact Sheet: COVID-19</u> Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap from HHS.

# Questions?

We thank our providers for your partnership in caring for our membership throughout the pandemic. Please contact Provider Services at **1-855-202-1058** Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) if you have any questions.

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