



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 20, 2020

**TO:** Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** Louisiana Medicaid

**SUBJECT:** New Medicaid Eligibility Group Covers COVID-19 Testing for Uninsured Patients

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Per the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Louisiana Medicaid has expanded coverage to include COVID-19 testing for uninsured individuals for the duration of the federally declared public health emergency. Coverage is limited to COVID-19 testing and related office visits for uninsured Louisiana residents. No treatment costs are covered under this program.

The new benefit is provided through Medicaid fee-for-service and not Healthy Louisiana through a managed care organization. Providers must be a Medicaid enrolled provider and must be enrolled before services are provided. Providers not enrolled as a Medicaid provider with DXC will need to complete a [temporary emergency application](#) with Medicaid's fiscal intermediary, DXC, to be paid for testing and testing related services for the uninsured. Providers will be required to self-attest on the uninsured individual's application to Medicaid that they are not also [billing the Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) or the Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#) for the same services. You also may not bill on any contract with the Louisiana Department of Health to provide COVID-19 testing for these patients. If Medicaid identifies other third party coverage is available (e.g., Medicare, private insurance), Medicaid will not cover the services.

For additional guidance, visit [Medicaid's provider web page for COVID-19 testing coverage for uninsured individuals](#). The site contains billing information, a [detailed provider guide](#), frequently asked questions for providers, and the [simplified application](#) patients can fill out to determine if they are eligible for coverage.