



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

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August 14, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Testing Medical Assistance

Dear County Director of Social Services:

In response to the Public Health Emergency (PHE), NC DHHS Division of Health Benefits (DHB) is implementing an optional COVID-19 Testing Eligibility group as a new coverage program for uninsured individuals as allowed under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). This eligibility group will be designated as Medicaid for Coronavirus (MCV). This letter provides an overview of MCV requirements and its implementation.

The MCV program will begin on September 1, 2020 and will end the date the PHE ends. This is a limited service benefit that provides only COVID-19 testing.

In order to be eligible for the MCV program, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Live in North Carolina,
- Be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National or have eligible immigration status, and
- Not be covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or other health insurance.

If found eligible, MCV coverage includes payment only for Covid-19 testing and related costs and may also include retroactive payment of COVID-19 testing costs during the 3 months prior to the month of application, but no earlier than June 1, 2020.

On August 17, 2020, the DHB 5200CV, Application for Coverage of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Testing Costs, will be available online. DHB will provide the link when the application is posted. Please see the attached DHB-5200CV. The paper application instructs individuals to submit the application to DHB at the address shown below. The address is also included on the paper application. If the local agency receives a paper application, the application should also be mailed to DHB within a day of receipt.

DHHS/DHB
2501 Mail Service Center
ATTN: COVID Medicaid Application
Raleigh, NC 27699

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LOCATION: 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Durham, NC 27709
MAILING ADDRESS: 2501 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-2501
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DHB and NC FAST are working on a separate link on the ePASS portal to accept on-line applications for MCV. The on-line portal is expected to be available in early September. The portal will allow for the automated processing of these applications by NC FAST. The paper applications received prior to the portal implementation will be keyed by State staff once the portal is available.

Current Medicaid beneficiaries have coverage of COVID testing, including MPW beneficiaries during post-partum. Coverage for COVID testing has been added to the Family Planning benefit, effective September 1, 2020, for the duration of the emergency. These beneficiaries do not need to apply for MCV. Active Family Planning Program (FPP) cases who had active coverage for the period of June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020, will be mailed a notice informing them of the added benefit.

As noted above, any paper applications received at the local agency should be mailed to DHB for processing. If the local agency receives questions regarding the MCV program that they are unable to answer, please refer them to the Medicaid Contact Center at 888-245-0179.

Additional information will be forthcoming as policy and procedures are finalized. DHB will also host a training webinar on COVID-19 Testing Medical Assistance; details will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding this material, please contact your [Medicaid Operational Support Team Representative](#).

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Dave Richard

Attachment