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**Presbyterian Health Plan announces no cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing and video visits**

ALBUQUERQUE – To help prevent community spread and ensure access to care, Presbyterian Health Plan is suspending cost-sharing on COVID-19 tests for its Medicare Advantage and commercial\* health plan members -- ensuring affordability is not a barrier to the individuals who are recommended for testing by their doctor or a public health authority. Testing is already available at no cost for Presbyterian’s Centennial Care Medicaid members.

“Once it is determined by a medical professional that a COVID-19 test should occur, we want to ensure that our members have no financial barriers for that test,” said Brandon Fryar, president, Presbyterian Health Plan. “In addition, should a member have symptoms, we want them to get care as soon as possible in their home through a free video visit – allowing for immediate access to care and preventing community spread.”

Presbyterian Health Plan members can get access to video visits by visiting <https://www.phs.org/tools-resources/member/video-visit/Pages/default.aspx>.

“While there are no known cases of COVID-19 in our state to date, it is important that the community understands their options and that free testing and care is available,” said Fryar.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, Presbyterian Health Plan encourages members to visit:

- New Mexico Department of Health: <https://nmhealth.org/about/erd/ideb/ncov/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

*\*Due to federal regulations requiring cost-sharing for high deductible health plans (HDHP), cost-sharing remains for Commercial HDHP members.*

**About Presbyterian Healthcare Services**

Presbyterian Healthcare Services exists to improve the health of patients, members and the communities we serve. Presbyterian is a locally owned, not-for-profit healthcare system of nine hospitals, a statewide health plan and a growing multi-specialty medical group. Founded in New Mexico in 1908, it is the state’s largest private employer with more than 13,000 employees.