

COVID-19 Medical Coverage Changes

Following End of Federal Public Health Emergency (Fed PHE)



	COVID-19 Vaccines	COVID-19 Treatment	COVID-19 Testing
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	Continues: Free COVID-19 vaccines. ¹	Continues for now: Free COVID-19 treatment and related doctor visits is guaranteed at least until September 30, 2024. ²	Continues: Free COVID-19 testing if ordered by a doctor. Continues for now: Eight free at-home test kits per month are guaranteed at least until September 30, 2024. ²
Medi-Cal Managed Care	Continues: Free COVID-19 vaccines. ³	Continues: Free COVID-19 treatment and related doctor appointments. ³	Continues: Free COVID-19 testing, including eight free at-home test kits per month. ³
Medicare	Continues: Free COVID-19 vaccines with in-network providers. ⁴	Continues for now: Free COVID-19 oral medications. Continues: COVID-19 hospital visits and doctor appointments with in-network providers are covered, but cost-sharing varies by plan. ⁴	Continues: Free COVID-19 testing if ordered by a doctor. The cost of at-home test kits for people with Medicare Advantage will vary by plan and might be free in some plans. Ends May 11, 2023: Free COVID-19 at-home tests. Some Medicare Advantage plans might still provide free at-home tests. ⁴
Private Plans Regulated by California	Continues: Free COVID-19 vaccines with in-network providers. Ends November 11, 2023: Free COVID-19 vaccines with out-of-network providers.	Continues: Free COVID-19 treatment and related doctor appointments with in-network providers. Ends November 11, 2023: Free COVID-19 treatment and related doctor visits with out-of-network providers. ³	Continues: Free COVID-19 testing with in-network providers, including 8 at-home test kits per month. Ends November 11, 2023: Free COVID-19 testing with out-of-network providers. ³
Uninsured	Continues for Now: Low-cost or free COVID-19 health care provider visits at FQHCs and free clinics. Free COVID-19 vaccines and oral medications at most pharmacies, community organizations, clinics and FQHCs. ⁵ Expires May 31, 2023: Free COVID-19 testing, and IV medications related to health care provider visits through the Department of Health Care Service's COVID-19 Uninsured Program. ⁶		



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- 1 Inflation Reduction Act – see [Congressional explainer \(PDF\)](#).
- 2 [American Rescue Plan Act](#).
- 3 See SB 1473 [DMHC APL](#) and [bill text](#), and [SB 510 DMHC APL](#).
- 4 See Kaiser Family Foundation [commercialization explainer](#) and [CMS FAQ document](#).
- 5 Applies to DMHC- and CDI-regulated plans. Does not apply to Medicare Advantage plans.
- 6 See [Bridge Access Program](#).
- 7 See [DHCS COVID Uninsured Program FAQ](#).

Please note this table does not address commercial health plans regulated in other states or other health insurance types not listed here. The information in this table is still subject to change if other legislation or policies are enacted in coming months. Information is accurate as of 6/16/2023.