

As a self-funded Anthem client, we want to confirm that you received the attached email from Anthem that requires a response.

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic, Anthem is recommending implementation of the following coverage for all self-funded clients:

- Allowing coverage for the COVID19 test at 100% *and* allowing for member cost shares, relating to COVID19, for the Office Visit, Urgent Care or Emergency Room copayment or deductible/coinsurance to be also covered at 100%;
- At this point, no member cost shares have been waived for the **treatment** of COVID19;
- Anthem will also be covering Live Health Online at 100% with no member cost share through June 14th – regardless of why a participant calls the service;

Every self-funded Anthem client is required to click the link in the body of the email, go to the Anthem site and make your election by *Friday, March 20th*. You will be asked to provide a group identifier number, which is your Anthem group number. If you responded to Anthem earlier email this week, you will need to re-confirm.

There are two separate items that a you will need to give Anthem coverage direction on:

- Testing: Covering the testing and waiving the member cost share – this is the Anthem standard. By selecting this option, an employer is also agreeing to cover all future COVID-19 coverage recommendations by Anthem
- Telehealth: Covering the Live Health Online and provider telehealth copayments with no member cost share thru June 14, 2020

As we share a common goal of slowing the progress of this virus, our general MB recommendation is to follow the recommendations of the country's experts and cover the applicable costs so as not to impede individuals from being tested. However, we also understand that there is an unknown aspect to the cost, and it is up to each group to decide what is appropriate for your individual health plans.

If you determine that your health plan should cover the COVID19 testing or telehealth differently than indicated above, you will need to answer "no" in the Anthem link to opt out of the coverage and reach out to your MB Account Team so that we can facilitate how the your plan will handle the coverage.

MB will continue to update you as this situation changes and requirements develop.