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CLARIFICATION

****COVID-19 Emergency Response****

[Please see the Department of Vermont Health Access COVID-19 site for important information](#)

COVID-19 Related Treatment

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid is removing cost-sharing for the treatment of underlying conditions that may complicate the treatment of COVID-19, including treatments for “long haul” COVID-19.

All approved treatments for COVID-19, including specialized equipment and preventive therapies, are covered without any cost-sharing. This was effective March 20, 2021, see [GCR 20-032](#). The cost-sharing exemption now applies to the treatment of underlying conditions that may complicate the treatment of COVID-19 while a beneficiary is diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID-19.

The cost-sharing exemption is the result of the American Rescue Plan Act, Section 9811. It is time-limited for the duration of the Public Health Emergency Period that ends on the last day of the first calendar quarter one year after the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency declaration. During this time period, Medicaid beneficiaries will not pay a copayment for any prescription drugs or treatments related to COVID-19.

Effective Date: October 22, 2021

Authority/Legal Basis:

[American Rescue Plan Section 9811](#)

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Population Affected: All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact: The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$130,800.

Additional Information:

[Pharmacy Bulletin: Important Information for Treatment Related to COVID-19](#)