



# COVID-19 & HEALTH INSURANCE

This information is up to date as of May 15, 2020.  
Please contact our office for the most up to date information.

## 1 HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

- Open Enrollment for health insurance on NYSOH is extended through June 15th.
- Call LawNY Navigator Hotline at **1-855-250-7748** for assistance.

## 2 NON-MAGI COMMUNITY MEDICAID

- Medicaid recipients who had Medicaid as of March 18, 2020 should not lose coverage unless they terminate it or leave the state.
- For individuals whose Medicaid was slated to end in May or June 2020, coverage will be automatically renewed for 12 months.
- Applicants can self attest to eligibility (except for proof of citizenship/immigration status).

## 3 EXCESS-INCOME PROGRAM OR PAY-IN PROGRAM

- Individuals who have met their Medicaid spenddown in March and have been unable to submit a bill or payment due to COVID-19 will automatically have their coverage extended for six months.

## 4 MEDICAID BUY IN FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (MBI-WPD)

- Recipients of MBI-WPD who have experienced a job loss as a result of COVID-19 should contact their Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) and the LDSS shall authorize a grace period of six months. Call LawNY's CHA program at (585) 325-2520 for help getting in touch with your LDSS regarding MBI-WPD eligibility.

## 5 MEDICARE NOTICES

- LDSS has paused the sending of notices informing MAGI Medicaid recipients to apply for Medicare. LDSS has also paused discontinuance of MAGI Medicaid for persons turning 65.

## 6 MANAGED LONG TERM CARE

- Physician's orders can be completed via telehealth.
- Initial community health assessments can be completed via telehealth.
- Reassessments are suspended and plans should extend coverage authorization at the current level of service for 90 days.
- Members who currently receive medical supplies will be renewed at current levels (with a physician's order).

## COVID-19 Related Updates

- Medicare has pledged to cover lab tests for COVID-19.
- Medicare has pledged to cover qualifying COVID-19-related hospitalizations.
- Vaccine is expected to be covered by Medicare Part D.
- Telehealth is covered by Medicare.
- Insurers are required to waive cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing, including lab tests, ER visits, and future vaccinations

If you have post-enrollment health insurance issues,  
call LawNY's CHA program at  
**(585) 325-2520**



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