COVID-19 Emergency Declarations Set to End: What It Means for Health Policies

As a healthcare provider in California, we want to inform you of important changes that will affect the policies and services related to COVID-19. The Biden Administration will terminate the national emergency and public health emergency declarations on May 11, 2023, which will bring about significant changes to healthcare policies.

As a result, California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS) and its Departments and Offices are preparing to implement new flexibilities and policy changes. We want to ensure that you are aware of these changes and how they may impact your healthcare services. Here are some updates on the forthcoming changes:In California:

Category/ Type of Insurance	Medicare	Medi-Cal	Private Insurance
Vaccines	Continue to be free of charge.	Continue to be free of charge.	Continue to be free of charge.
At-home COVID tests	No cost until May 11, 2023. After the date, cover 8 tests per month	No cost through September 2024. After the date, cover 8 tests per month.	Cover 8 tests per month.

PCR and rapid tests ordered or administered by a health professional	No prior authorization or cost-sharing until Nov 11, 2023. After this date, cost-sharing may apply for services provided by out-of-network providers.	No prior authorization or cost-sharing until Nov 11, 2023. After this date, cost-sharing may apply for services provided by out-of-network providers.	No prior authorization or cost-sharing until Nov 11, 2023. After this date, cost-sharing may apply for services provided by out-of-network providers.
Pharmaceutical treatment	No prior authorization or cost-sharing until Nov 11, 2023. After this date, cost-sharing may apply for services provided by out-of-network providers.	No prior authorization or cost-sharing until Nov 11, 2023. After this date, cost-sharing may apply for services provided by out-of-network providers.	No prior authorization or cost-sharing until Nov 11, 2023. After this date, cost-sharing may apply for services provided by out-of-network providers.

Please check with your health insurance company for details regarding your coverage.At Chinese Hospital, we understand the importance of receiving prompt medical attention if you test positive for COVID-19. That's why we're committed to providing you with comprehensive treatment options.

To schedule an appointment with a physician at Chinese Hospital & Clinics, please call 1-628-228-2828. Alternatively, you can schedule a virtual visit through Sesame Care at sesamecare.com/covid or by calling 1-855-780-3855.

We encourage you to seek medical attention as soon as possible if you test positive for COVID-19. Our team is here to support you throughout your treatment journey.

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