



Parent Advocacy Network

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and education of children and youth*

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## SPAN FACT SHEET

*Find out what the NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is doing during the Coronavirus outbreak to help NJ families on NJ Family Care.*

## NJ Medicaid and COVID-19

**The DMAHS in New Jersey has taken steps to help families in our state with NJ FamilyCare. They include:**

### **Keeping Coverage**

CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY: NJ Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), known as NJ Family Care, is continuing eligibility for Medicaid/SCHIP members throughout the period of the COVID-19 emergency. Although some Medicaid/SCHIP members were set to dis-enroll by the end of March, coverage will be reinstated as soon as possible.

### **Paying Premiums**

MEDICAID PREMIUMS: Beginning in March, NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) premiums were suspended. For members who usually pay a premium, those will receive a \$0 statement.

### **Prescriptions**

EXPANDED PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE: NJ Medicaid enrollees are able to refill prescriptions early and get a 90-day supply.

### **How to Enroll**

ENROLLMENT IN NJFC: A priority is ease of enrollment. Families can apply for NJFC in a simpler and faster manner. The state now has flexibility including families reporting their own income and resources.

### **Seeing Providers**

HOW TO SEE A DOCTOR DURING COVID-19: NJ Medicaid has telehealth available for families. This can be done by phone or video so NJFC members can still have a virtual visit with health care providers.

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## High Risk Individuals

NJ Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are being proactive and reaching out to high-risk members. The MCOs will assist with services coordination and updating plans as needed.

## Expanded HCBS

Members who depend on Home and Community-based services such as personal care assistance for activities of daily living (bathing, toileting, etc.) and other care are able to pay pre-cleared family members to perform these services for compensation. In addition, members who attended medical day care programs that have closed can now receive help with personal care and meals at home.

## Prior Authorization

The need to obtain prior authorization for inpatient services has been temporarily suspended. Current authorizations for community-based services were extended for 90 days.

## Transportation

Using appropriate infection control protocols, Medicaid is providing transportation for those with symptoms or a positive test for COVID-19.

## Hospital Discharge

Special arrangements are available for those with behavioral health or long-term care needs.

During this unprecedented time, NJ Medicaid is collaborating with providers, MCOs, and federal agency partners to deliver care and support to NJFC members.

## For More Information on NJ Medicaid and Covid-19 see:

- **Press Release of changes**  
[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200406m.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/press/2020/approved/20200406m.html)
- **NJ Medicaid main page**  
[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/)

## No Medicaid terminations after 3/18/2020

Nationally, anyone who had Medicaid coverage effective as of March 18<sup>th</sup> cannot lose coverage during the Coronavirus outbreak. See page 5 of the FAQ from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid found at:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-section-6008-faqs.pdf>

## Learn more:

- Federal regulations governing Medicaid can be found at: [www.macpac.gov/reference-guide-to-federal-medicaid-statute-and-regulations/](http://www.macpac.gov/reference-guide-to-federal-medicaid-statute-and-regulations/).
- New Jersey state regulations governing Medicaid can be found at: [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/rulefees/regs/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/rulefees/regs/).
- For more information on NJ Department of Human Services during the Covid-19 outbreak, go to: <https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html>
- What you Need to Know about COVID and ask questions at: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>



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