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Aetna	Most 04/03/20	Aetna has published “Temporary Changes in Prior Authorization/ Precertification and Admissions Protocols” for COVID19 here: https://www.aetna.com/content/dam/aetna/pdfs/aetnacom/prior-authorization-notification.pdf	Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.
Amerigroup			
CHPW			
Cigna	Most 04/01/20	Cigna waives prior authorizations for the transfer of its non-COVID-19 customers from acute inpatient hospitals to in-network long term acute care hospitals.	Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.
Coordinated Care			
First Choice (TPA and PPO)	Varies by our Payers’ Plans 03/27/20	COVID Provider page	First Choice Health is a PPO network that does not define the benefits. Please reach out to the individual Payers to confirm benefits. As an administrator for our self-funded health Plans, we are complying with the Families First Coronavirus Act, specifically the “Health Provisions”. FCH is encouraging all FCH payors to waive patient responsibility for COVID-19 diagnostics, including testing services, performed in accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

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HCA – Apple Health			
KP-NW	Yes 04/03/20	Expedited authorization for DME would apply and in certain circumstances authorization for DME may be waived.	
KP-WA			Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.
Labor & Industries			
Medicaid FFS			
Molina			
Pacific Source	Most 04/03/20		Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.
Premera	Most 04/03/20	COVID Provider page	Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.
Providence	Most 04/03/20		Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.
Regence	Most 04/03/20		Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.
UHC	Most 04/03/20		Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-in to this program at their discretion.