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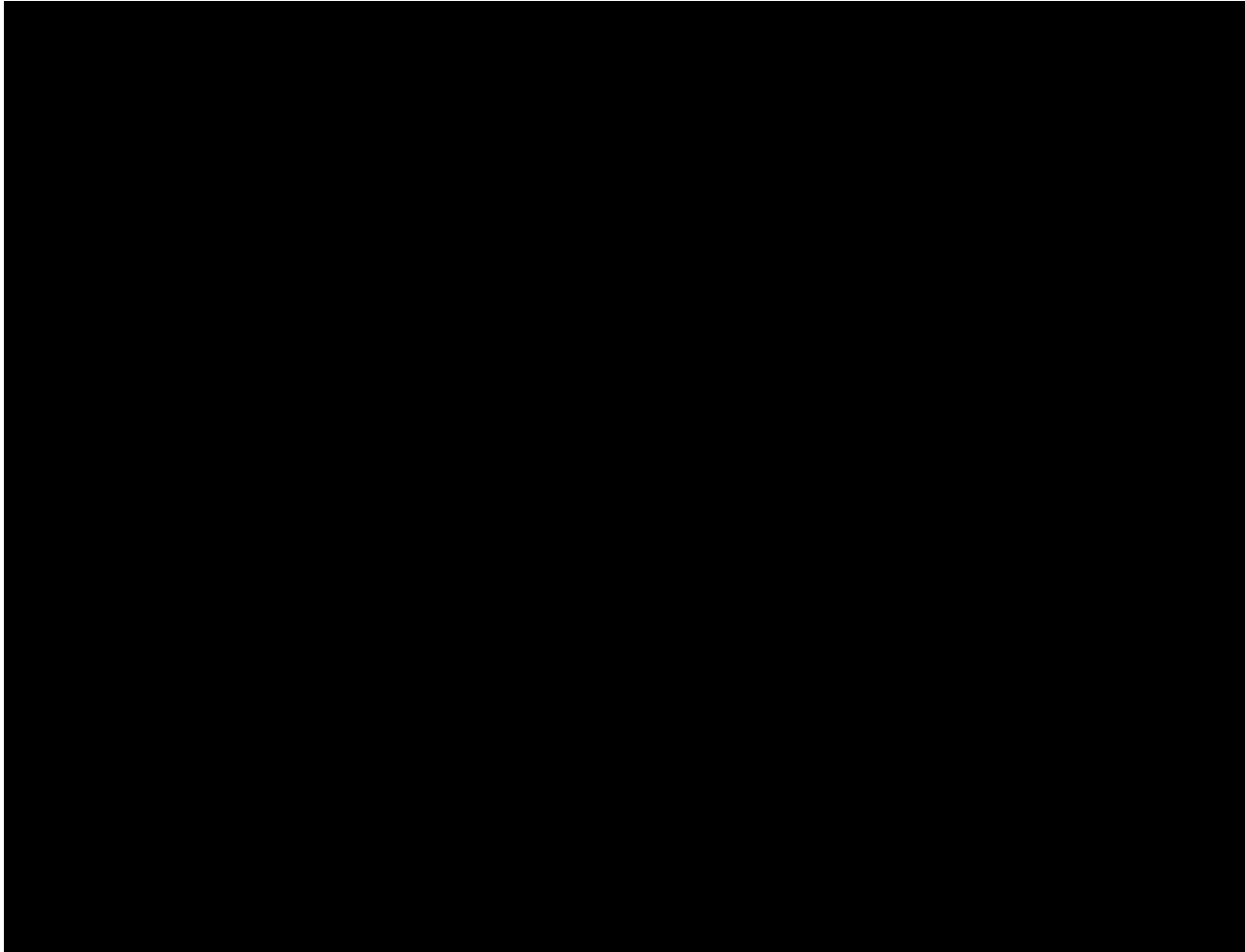
**COVID-19 Testing and
Care Coverage for the
Uninsured**



There are two programs that cover uninsured individuals for COVID-19 testing and testing related services.

- **The federal Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) claims reimbursement program for providers.**
 - Covers testing and testing related services
 - Covers treatment for COVID-19
- **The Medicaid Uninsured Testing Group Program**
 - Covers testing and testing related services
- Today, let's review these programs and discuss some of the key differences.

The HRSA Program



The HRSA Program: What's Covered?



- COVID-19 testing and antibody testing.
- Testing-related visits including in the following settings: office, urgent care, emergency room or telehealth.
- Treatment, including office visit (including telehealth), emergency room, inpatient, outpatient/observation, skilled nursing facility, long-term acute care (LTAC), acute inpatient rehab, home health, DME (e.g., oxygen, ventilator), emergency ambulance transportation, non-emergent patient transfers via ambulance, and FDA approved drugs as they become available for COVID-19 treatment and administered as part of an inpatient stay.
- FDA-approved vaccine, when available.

The HRSA Program: Key Takeaways



- This program covers both testing services AND treatment
- There is no citizenship requirement for this program
- ONLY providers may submit claims, individuals cannot sign up for this program
 - Providers that are providing testing and treatment for COVID-19 should be educated about this program and if they are participating make sure they let uninsured patients know that they won't be liable for payment
- This program was made retroactive for February 4, 2020
- More information can be found at <https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim>

The Medicaid Program



- Utah Medicaid will now cover COVID-19-related testing and services for uninsured individuals. This new program will be effective through the duration of the public health emergency.
- Uninsured individuals are eligible for the new “COVID-19 Uninsured Testing Coverage” without regard to income or assets.
- To qualify, an individual must be uninsured, and meet citizenship and Utah residency requirements.
- Individuals are considered uninsured if they are not enrolled in another federal health care program, such as Medicare or Veterans Health Administration coverage, or a commercial group or individual health plan.

The Medicaid Program: What's Covered?



- Covered services include COVID-19 testing, as well as antibody testing
- Testing-related visits including in the following settings: office, urgent care or emergency room or telehealth
- Testing related services include any services used to diagnose COVID-19, this can include x-rays, physician visits, and any other diagnostic tools used
- COVID-19 related treatment is NOT covered

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The Medicaid Program: Key Takeaways



- This program only covers testing and testing related services
 - This includes doctor appointments, ER visits, and any other services related to *diagnosing* COVID-19
- Individuals are able to sign up themselves through a portal on the Medicaid website
- There are citizenship and residency requirements
- The application also serves as a full Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) application unless the person opts out.
 - Eligibility decisions on the testing coverage will be made quickly (within 7-10 days)
 - Full Medicaid eligibility determination can take up to 30 days
- The program started on June 1, 2020
- More information including frequently asked questions can be found at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/covid-19-uninsured-testing-coverage/>