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.
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.
● 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/](https://medicaid.utah.gov/covid-19-uninsured-testing-coverage/)