

April 12, 2023

TO: All Providers

RE: COVID-19 Unwinding – Provider Updates

Per federal guidance, the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) will end on May 11, 2023. Therefore, some flexibilities the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid) implemented due to the COVID-19 PHE will end at this time. Medicaid intends to keep providers updated on changes that will be forthcoming during the return to normal operations.

Medicaid is working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to prepare to end some flexibilities implemented during the COVID-19 PHE. Medicaid will provide notice of changes through additional notices via State Plan Notice, Administrative Code Notice, waiver notice, or provider ALERTs.

If Medicaid continues an option that was not available before the PHE, providers will not be notified. For example, since Medicaid will continue to allow sick and well-child visits to be reimbursed for the same date of service after the PHE ends, no additional notice will be given.

Please continue to visit the <u>www.Medicaid.Alabama.gov</u> for up-to-date information.