



State Health Insurance Assistance Program

During this time of uncertainty, it is important to know which COVID-19 services are covered by Medicare.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program provides information and assistance with Medicare benefits, counseling, coverage and enrollment. The program's counselors are certified to answer Medicare-related questions and provide free, in-depth, one-on-one help.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program wants Medicare beneficiaries and providers to know that:

- Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers COVID-19 tests when ordered by the patient's doctor or health care provider on or after February 4, 2020.
- Medicare covers all medically necessary hospitalizations, including extra days in the hospital for patients who had to stay longer under COVID-19 quarantine. Copays or deductibles may apply.
- There is no vaccine for COVID-19 at this time; however, if one becomes available, Medicare will cover it.
- Medicare's expanded coverage of telehealth services enables beneficiaries to access a wider range of services from their providers without having to travel to a facility.
 - This includes access to doctors, nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists and licensed clinical social workers.
 - During this emergency, there are also more options for ways providers can talk with patients under this provision.

For Medicare coverage questions, contact the local State Health Insurance Assistance Program at: 303-480-6835. Contact information for other State Health Insurance Assistance Programs can be found at shiptacenter.org.

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