

# PROVIDERS' NEWS

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## COVID-19 Expanded Benefits Extension

The voluntary, expanded COVID-19-related benefits announced for certain Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Health Advantage fully insured health plans and individual policies will be extended to align with the federally mandated COVID-19 coverage provisions as specified in the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) and CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act. The federal mandate currently runs through April 21, 2021. This update does not impact related changes for Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement members.

***Please note:*** Decisions about coverage changes for members of self-funded health plans served by BlueAdvantage Administrators of Arkansas or Health Advantage are made by the employers or plan sponsors who fund those self-funded programs. If you have questions about your patient's coverage, please call the number on the back of the card.