

## Important changes to COVID-19 coverages to take effect Jan. 1, 2022

Effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2022, Security Health Plan is making the following coverage updates related to COVID-19 coverages or waivers:

- **Inpatient/Observation treatment for COVID-19 positive members** will no longer be paid at 100% of the allowed amount. For admissions on or after Jan. 1, 2022, services will be subject to normal plan cost sharing for all products. You are reminded that Security Health Plan requires notification for all inpatient stays and for any observation stay that reaches 48 hours.
- **Out-of-network prior authorization requirements for Medicare Advantage programs** will be re-enforced and services will be denied if no prior authorization is obtained. Refer to [Security Health Plan's Prior Authorization page](#) for a list of services that require prior authorization.
- **COVID-19 testing** when done for purposes that are not medically necessary such as employer requirements, travel, educational requirements, etc., will be denied as member responsibility for our commercial plans. For Medicare Advantage plans, testing performed for these purposes will be subject to member cost sharing.

Please refer to our [Provider COVID-19](#) page for detailed information on coverage of services and our COVID-19 Provider FAQ.