

## Newsflash 20-09

## **UPDATE**

## **FEHB Response to COVID-19**

FEHB Carrier Letter 2020-08 sets forth additional carrier responsibilities pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). This letter expands on Carrier Letter 2020-02, which was the subject of Newsflash 20-04.

Beginning on or after March 18, 2020, **all** FEHB carriers **must** provide coverage, waive cost-sharing, and waive prior authorization or other medical management requirements for:



- 1. Testing for SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of COVID-19, as well as serological testing to detect the presence of antibodies against the virus; and
- 2. The office visit related to such testing

When evidence-based preventive services or vaccines for the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 becomes available, FEHB Carriers must cover them without any cost-sharing. Refer to Carrier Letter 2020-08 for the parameters and other detailed information.

Please advise enrollees to contact their health plan provider directly with specific questions regarding their coverage.

