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**COVID-19 Drug Copayment**

Dear Medicaid Provider,

During the American Rescue Plan Act coverage period, Vermont Medicaid members did not incur copays for services and drugs related to the treatment and prevention of COVID-19. This coverage ends September 30, 2024. Therefore **effective 10/01/2024** copays will apply for drugs to treat COVID-19.

As a reminder, a pharmacy may not refuse to dispense a prescription to a Medicaid beneficiary who does not provide the copayment. However, the beneficiary will still owe the pharmacy any copayment that is not paid, and the pharmacy can continue to request payment.

For questions regarding this benefit, please contact the Optum Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to [VermontHD@optum.com](mailto:VermontHD@optum.com).

Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.