



# Monthly Update March 2020

## COVID-19 Resources for Our Partners

Friends,

I hope everyone is staying safe and practicing social distancing. In light of our new reality, Catalyst’s March newsletter is dedicated to COVID-19 resources and information for our partners. Please continue to share helpful information as you come across it, and if there is specific guidance or tools you are looking for let me know. Our team is still working at 100%, and our intent is to make your lives easier while you work to keep us all healthy and safe.

In good health,

Sarah Bedard Holand

## Recent Virginia-Specific Medicaid Policy Changes

- Expanded access to **telehealth services**, including allowing Medicaid reimbursement for providers who use telehealth with patients in the home - this will likely include teledentistry services. More details to come!
- All **co-payments** for services covered by Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS), including COVID-19-related treatment as well as other medical care have been **eliminated**.
- Current Medicaid members **will not lose coverage** due to lapses in paperwork or a change in circumstances.
- Medicaid members may now obtain a **90-day supply of many routine prescriptions**, an increase from the 30-day supply under previous rules.
- **Pre-approval requirements** for many critical medical services have been **waived**, and there are automatic extensions for approvals that are already in place.

More details can be found [here](#).

## Clinical Resources

- [Virginia Department of Health – Health Professionals Resources \(VDH\)](#). For Virginia-specific resources and up-to-date information visit the VDH resource page. It includes guidelines for health care professionals in Virginia, and recordings of webinars related to COVID-19.
- [COVID-19 Medicaid Information for Virginia - \(DMAS - Virginia Department of](#)

[Medical Assistance Services\)](#)

Virginia's Medicaid program has released information for providers and Medicaid enrollees. Find patient FAQs, provider billing information, and more.

[- Tooth Talk](#)

Tooth Talk is a listserv from the Virginia Health Care Foundation for dental safety net providers and administrators. The online forum is a resource for members to ask questions and find new resources. Learn how to join [here](#)

[- NNOHA coronavirus resource center \(NNOHA - National Network of Oral Health Access\)](#)

The NNOHA resource center compiles resources for health care professionals from a number of sources, including the CDC, HRSA, and WHO. Additionally, the resource center includes guidelines and recommendations for each state.

[- Coronavirus resource center for Dentists \(ADA - American Dental Association\)](#)

This is specific to dental providers and offers resources like checklists for providers to determine what constitutes an emergency procedure, how to stay protected during treatment, and sample communications for patients.

[- Coronavirus resources for healthcare professionals \(CDC - Centers for Disease Control\)](#)

This is the hub of resources from the CDC, it is updated regularly to reflect the changing situation. Healthcare professionals can find the latest interim guidance on treating patients under investigation (PUI), clinical care, and infection control.

[- Coronavirus partner toolkit \(CMS - Center for Medicare and Medicaid\)](#)

Designed to help providers and health care professionals stay informed on CMS and HHS materials available on COVID-19. The resources are divided by population served.

[- Coronavirus: Emerging and Future Challenges for Dental and Oral Medicine \(Journal of Dental Research\)](#)

This March 12 article provides recommended management protocols for dental practitioners and students.

[- Coronavirus resources, research, and articles \(The New England Journal of Medicine\)](#)

During COVID-19 the New England Journal of Medicine has made a collection of clinical reports, management guidelines, and commentary available for free.



**Webinar Resources**

[Webinar recording – information for clinicians caring for children and pregnant \(CDC\)](#)

During this COCA Call, presenters focused on current information about COVID-19 as it relates to children and pregnant women. Topics included infection prevention and control measures in inpatient obstetric healthcare settings and resources available to care for pediatric patients.

[- VCU School of Dentistry Q&A \(VCU & VDA\)](#)

Experts from the VCU School of Dentistry participated in a 40 minute Q&A sponsored by the Virginia Dental Association to share resources and information with Virginia's dental providers. The webinar includes resources and best practices, FAQ begins at 4:40.



**Funding Resources**

### [- Community Foundation](#)

The Community Foundation, in partnership with the Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia, has created the Central Virginia COVID-19 Response Fund. There is no formal application process for the fund.

### [- Richmond Memorial Health Foundation](#)

Richmond Memorial Health Foundation has extended the deadline for grants and has encouraged current grantees to reach out about repurposing grant funding in light of COVID-19.

Catalyst is monitoring for additional funding information, in the meantime grantees are encouraged to reach out to specific foundations with questions about existing grants.



## **Patient and Community Resources**

### [- Talking with kids about coronavirus \(CDC\)](#)

The CDC has developed resources for parents, teachers, and caregivers to help children understand what is happening and how to stay healthy.

### [- Checklist for partners and teachers, getting schools and children ready for coronavirus \(CDC\)](#)

This is a high-level resource for parents, teachers, and school administrators on how to keep children safe and healthy during the coronavirus and what steps to take when school is out.

### [- Special considerations for pregnant women during coronavirus \(Kaiser Family Foundation\)](#)

Although little is known about the coronavirus' impact on pregnant women at this time, this resource answers basic questions pregnant women and their families may have.

### [- Coronavirus information for Children's Health Advocates \(National Institute for Children's Health Quality\)](#)

Resource center that includes information for pregnant women, parents, and children and answers common questions related to COVID-19.

### [- Share stories of character, community, and commitment \(Virginia Center for Health Innovation\)](#)

Virginia Center for Health Innovation is collecting stories of health professionals and community members who are supporting Virginians with their work and good deeds. Submit your stories to show the strength of our communities.

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