

## **Louisiana COVID-19 Updates**

**DOI Link:** <http://www.lidi.la.gov/consumers/insurance-type/healthinsurance/covid-19>

**Description:** LA COVID-19 L&H Insurance News Releases & Bulletins

[Directive 2021: Directive 217 To Direct Health Insurance Issuers and Health Maintenance Organizations to Evaluate Coverage for Treatment-in-Place by Emergency Medical Services Personnel and to Consider Waiver of Prior Authorization for Certain Covid-19-Related Items and Services](#)

[Emergency Rule 36](#) Patient Protections and Related Health Care Services Regarding Health Insurance Matters Affecting Insureds in Louisiana Caused by the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[Emergency Rule 37](#) Telemedicine and Network Adequacy in Health Insurance in Louisiana During the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[Emergency Rule 41](#) Medical Surge-Related Patient Transfers in Louisiana During the Outbreak of COVID-19

### **Health Insurance**

The Louisiana Department of Insurance is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and working with health plans across the state to ensure access and care for all Louisiana residents.

Health plans in Louisiana are taking critical steps to:

- Consumers with fully-insured individual and group health plans will not be charged co-payments, co-insurance, or deductibles related to COVID-19 laboratory testing administered consistent with guidelines issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Health plans will take action to ease network, referral, and prior authorization requirements and/or waive patient cost sharing.

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- Plans will also take action so that patients will have continuous access to their regular prescription medications.
- Health plans are sharing information with clinicians, mobilizing network providers, and coordinating care management programs to ensure providers have the best available data to identify, diagnose, and treat infections.

Outside of these instances, regular terms of insurance such as co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles will still apply.

[Health Care FAQ](#)

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