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Insurance Carriers to cover COVID-19 Testing

Topeka, Kan. – The Kansas Insurance Department has been in communication with all major medical insurance carriers offering fully insured health plans in Kansas regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As of today, The Department can confirm that all major medical insurance carriers for fully insured plans are committed to waiving the cost sharing for Novel Coronavirus testing.

“I would like to commend the carriers in Kansas for taking this critical step,” Commissioner Vicki Schmidt said. “While there are number of moving parts in response to the coronavirus, I am pleased the carriers in Kansas took this approach to alleviate at least one of the many concerns on the minds of Kansans.”

While other states mandated the waiving of the cost sharing action, major medical health insurance carriers in Kansas voluntarily took a proactive step to protect Kansans by ensuring the cost of the test was covered. For those Kansans who are insured through an employer-based, self-funded plan, it is advised they consult with their Human Resource department.

For any Kansan who experiences difficulties with their insurance carrier, they are encouraged to contact the consumer assistance division of The Kansas Insurance Department through our website at insurance.kansas.gov or by calling 1-800-432-2484.

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