# Alaska Medicaid and Coronavirus (COVID-19): Information for Medicaid Members

In response to the national public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services is immediately taking the following steps regarding the Alaska Medicaid program:

☑ **Questions and Concerns?** – If you have a medical emergency, call 911. If you have questions or concerns about the coronavirus, visit the [Alaska Division of Public Health website](#) (coronavirus.alaska.gov) or call **2-1-1**.

☑ **Medication Preparation –** Effective Wednesday, March 11, 2020; Alaska Medicaid will relax early medication refills as follows:

- 30-day prescriptions will allow a refill when you have 2 weeks of medication on-hand.
- 90-day prescriptions will allow a refill when you have 3 weeks of medication on-hand.
- 30-day opioid prescriptions will allow a refill when you have 7 days of medication on-hand.

This allows you to have an emergency on-hand supply of medication of at least 2 weeks; opioid medications will be permitted an emergency on-hand supply of 7 days. Contact your pharmacy if you need an early refill. You do **not** need to call Alaska Medicaid for special approval if within the refill schedule above.

☑ **Testing –** Updates will be added as more information becomes available.

☑ **Vaccinations –** Updates will be added as more information becomes available.

These changes and additions to Alaska Medicaid benefits are temporary, in direct response to the national public health emergency posed by the COVID-19 virus, and are not permanent benefits.

To monitor the latest information on COVID-19:
- [Alaska Department of Health and Social Services](#) (coronavirus.alaska.gov)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

Additional information, as it becomes available, will be published
- on the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health [COVID-19 page](#) (coronavirus.alaska.gov)
- on [Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise](#) (https://www.medicaidalaska.com); select the Member tab

**Alaska Medicaid program staff will continue to monitor events and will make additional changes as necessary.**

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