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Dear Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids® Providers:

On April 27, 2020, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) issued an announcement that it was suspending all Medicaid copayments for all services with dates of service on or after May 1, 2020 through the duration of the Public Health Emergency. In alignment with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), DCH is further clarifying that it is suspending all copayments for **COVID-19 testing services and treatments** with dates of service **on or after March 18, 2020**. This suspension also applies to fee-for-service and managed care. Claims that have already been processed for COVID-19 testing services and treatment with dates of service on or after March 18, 2020 will be reprocessed to account for the increased reimbursement rate for the specific copayment amount. At the conclusion of the Public Health Emergency, rates will return to the previously approved reimbursement amounts and members will be required to participate in copayments.

DCH will continue to monitor the evolving nature of this unprecedented public health emergency, make updates, and use its existing authority as well as the flexibilities offered by CMS to make additional program changes at the appropriate times moving forward.

DCH will communicate with providers and members in advance of the return to pre-emergency rates and policy with as much advance notice as possible. Please continue to watch for updates through banner messages, DCH website posts, and distribution by professional and trade associations.

Should you have additional questions regarding the contents of this banner message, please contact the DXC Provider Call Center at 1-800-766-4456.