

To: Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans
From: Kevin Bagley, Director *KB*
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Re: Full Restoration of Medicaid Member Benefits

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans that Nebraska Medicaid is fully restoring the benefits of any member who experienced a reduction in benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of a particular federal regulation that a court has determined is unenforceable.

The federal government issued a regulation affecting Medicaid coverage for some members on November 6, 2020. Nebraska Medicaid followed this regulation. On January 31, 2023, a federal court decided that this federal regulation was not legally enforceable. As a result of the court's decision, Nebraska Medicaid is fully restoring the benefits of any member who experienced a reduction in benefits as a result of that regulation.

What does this mean? Any Nebraska Medicaid member whose benefits were reduced between March 18, 2020, and March 31, 2023, is having their benefits fully restored. Affected members are receiving a notice in the mail.

If a member paid a medical bill (such as a copay at their doctor's office or paid a copay for a prescription drug at their pharmacy), the member can contact their medical provider to be repaid. The provider has six months to submit a claim to be reimbursed by Medicaid.

For any questions, please call Medicaid claims customer service at (877) 255-3092.

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