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## Employer Benefit Adviser

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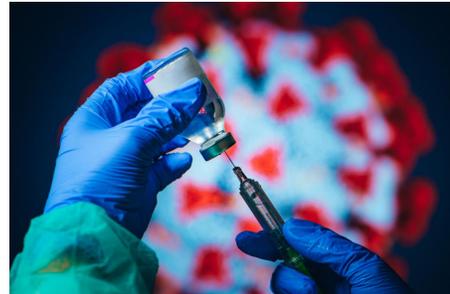
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### COVID Vaccine — What to Expect

Now that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a COVID-19 vaccine, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is determining who should get the vaccine first.

The following groups are being considered by the ACIP for early vaccination if supplies are limited:

- Health care personnel
- Workers in essential and critical industries
- People at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness due to underlying medical conditions
- People 65 years and older



When the vaccine is available for you and your employees, your Allied health plan will cover the cost of all COVID-19 vaccines at 100%, with no copay or deductibles.

Your Funding Advantage health plan covers testing for COVID-19. To keep up to date on the latest COVID-19 information and health benefits, visit the COVID Resources page on our website.

Allied COVID Resources

### Flu Shot Costs



The world's focus the last few months has been on COVID-19. Now there's an additional concern – the seasonal flu. Although not as contagious or dangerous as COVID-19, influenza also can lead to hospitalization and death.

The good news is that there is a flu shot available for the flu and your Funding Advantage plan covers flu shots at 100%.

Telemedicine Visits are Booming in 2020

From house calls to urgent care clinics, the idea of “on-demand” health care has been popular for decades. In today’s world, people expect 24/7 access to all kinds of online services and telemedicine is one of them.



With coronavirus cases present in all 50 states, from January to September, telehealth services shifted into overdrive with medical claims 8,800% higher than in 2019. Allied National members who video chat with their current primary care physician are seeing an average cost of only \$33. However, if you connect with a health care professional through the telemedicine benefit (MeMD, Teladoc or MDLIVE) associated with your health plan, Allied covers that visit at 100% for all non-HSA members.

Now that we’re getting into these tough winter months, health insurers and hospitals have made a strong push for patients who have milder symptoms to use their telehealth platforms during the crisis to help alleviate the strain on emergency rooms and doctors’ offices.

Next time you or one of your employees have a minor health issue, we encourage you to video chat with a health care professional using your telemedicine benefit. You can access this service by logging into your Member Connection account at [member.alliednational.com](http://member.alliednational.com).

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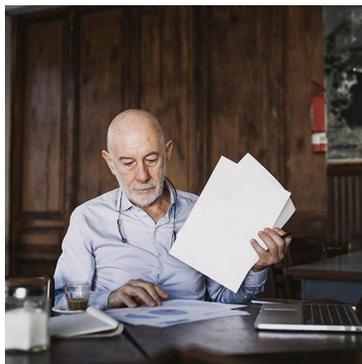
We’ve already added some great blogs to our website recently. Many of these topics address issues faced by small employers.

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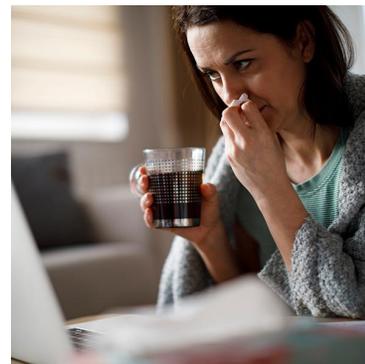
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