Email Subject Line: **Next Steps: Federal Public Health Emergency Is Ending on May 11, 2023.**

Email Body headline: **The Federal Public Health Emergency Is Ending on May 11, 2023. Now what?**

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On January 30, 2023, the Biden Administration announced that emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 pandemic would end on May 11, 2023. There are several coverage and cost-share waivers tied to the federal public health emergency affecting self-insured plans.

We wanted to break down the top three things that we believe you should know.

1. **Relevant Q&A posted on our website by 3/31/2023.** <https://faqs.discoverhighmark.com/>

Our website will be updated with information for clients, members, and providers as we transition to a post public health emergency environment. Please continue to check back on this website for the most up to date information.

1. **Client questions.**

Please review the posted website FAQs on 3/31/2023 to see if your question has already been answered. If not, please forward your specific questions and I will reach out to the appropriate team for quick resolution.

1. **Opportunity to extend cost-share waivers in the same manner as our fully insured clients.**

Given our ongoing commitment to support our fully insured clients, members, and providers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we are extending the following cost share waivers through May 31, 2023, to allow for an orderly transition:

* $0 COVID-19 vaccines
* $0 COVID-19 diagnostic and antibody testing
* $0 over-the-counter COVID-19 testing
* $0 related services to diagnose COVID-19 - office visit (in-person or telehealth), emergency room, or urgent care
* $0 prescription antiviral treatment

As of June 1, 2023, the services above will default to fully insured contractually covered benefits only, appropriate cost-share rules, and medical policies, if applicable. To purchase over-the-counter COVID-19 tests, members will be able to use FSA or HSA spending account funds.

To ensure an orderly transition out of the public health emergency, we encourage our self-insured clients to, likewise, extend cost share waivers through May 31, 2023, as well. If you do not wish to extend coverage, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

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