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COVID-19 ForwardHealth Communication	Associated Unwinding Information	Status of Policy Change
Update 2022-36: Prior Authorization and Utilization Management Exceptions for Drugs and COVID-19-Related Treatment (9/26/2022)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy continues until future notice
Update 2022-35: Prior Authorization and Utilization Management Exceptions for COVID-19-Related Medical Services (9/26/2022)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy continues until future notice
Update 2022-06: ForwardHealth Coverage of At-Home, Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits (02/01/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Update 2021-18: Hospital Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration (6/24/21)	Alert 079: COVID-19 Unwinding: Hospital Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration (5/11/23)	Return to routine operations
Update 2021-09: COVID-19 Vaccine Policy and Coverage Clarifications (3/4/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Update 2021-01: COVID-19 Vaccine Billing and Reimbursement (1/7/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Update 2020-34: Ensuring Appropriate COVID-19 Testing (8/7/20)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Update 2020-26: Member Copay Exemption for COVID-19 Laboratory Testing, Laboratory Testing-Related Services, and All COVID-19-Related Treatment Services (6/26/20)	N/A	N/A
Update 2020-19: Temporary Expansion of Provider Enrollment for Medicaid-Only Providers (5/8/20)	Impacted providers were contacted by Office of Inspector General (OIG)	N/A
Update 2020-16: Approval of Nursing Home Levels of Care During COVID-19 (Revised 5/7/20)	Update 2023-17: COVID-19 Unwinding: Nursing Home Levels of Care (05/05/23)	Return to routine operations
Update 2020-14: Temporary Changes to the Provider Enrollment Process (Revised 5/7/20)	Impacted providers were contacted by Office of Inspector General (OIG)	N/A
Update 2020-13: Temporary Changes to Clinical Policy and Prior Authorization (Revised 5/11/20)	Alert 076: COVID-19 Unwinding: Urgent Prior Authorization Requests (5/2/23)	
Alert 080: Certain COVID-19 Vaccine Procedure Codes End-Dated Due to End of Emergency Use Authorization (8/2/23)	N/A	Procedure codes end-dated due to end of emergency use authorization

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Alert 072: Revised Procedure Code Descriptions for COVID-19 Vaccines Approved for Members Aged 6 Months Through up to 5 Years (2/17/23)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	N/A
Alert 071: Bebtelovimab Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Not Currently Authorized for Commercial Distribution (12/22/22)	N/A	N/A
Alert 070: Coverage of Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses for Members Aged 5 Through 11 Years and Changes to Coverage of Monovalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses (11/10/22)	N/A	N/A
Alert 069: Changes to Coverage of Monovalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses for Members Aged 12 Years and Older and Coverage of Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses (10/11/22) November 10, 2022: This Alert has been revised since its original publication.	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 068: Bebtelovimab Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Transition to Commercial Distribution (9/23/22)	N/A	N/A
Alert 067: Coverage of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine for Members Aged 12 Through 17 Years (8/31/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 066: Coverage of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Members Aged 6 Through 17 Years (8/22/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 065: Coverage of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine (7/28/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 064: COVID-19 Vaccines Approved for Members Aged 6 Months to 5 Years (6/28/22) February 17, 2023: This Alert has been replaced by Alert 072.	Obsolete	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 063: Pfizer-BioNTech Booster Dose Approved for Members Aged 5 to 11 (5/24/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 062: Coverage of Second COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose and Access to Therapeutics (4/28/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent

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Alert 061: New COVID-19-Related Procedure Codes for Inpatient Hospital Claims (3/21/22)	N/A	N/A
Alert 060: New COVID-19 Diagnosis Codes (3/18/22)	N/A	N/A
Alert 059: New Procedure Codes for COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Administration (3/16/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 058: Coverage Reminder for At-Home, Rapid COVID-19 Tests and for COVID-19 Vaccines Administered by Pharmacies (3/1/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 057: New Procedure Codes for Remdesivir COVID-19 Treatment and COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies (2/4/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 056: Expanded Coverage for COVID-19 Vaccines (1/26/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 055: ForwardHealth Will Reimburse Place of Service Code 17 on Claims for COVID-19 Vaccination (1/26/22)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent.
		Procedure code 0034A end-dated on June 2, 2023; refer to Alert 080 for more information.
Alert 054: Policy for Mailing Immunization Status (1/21/22)	One-time procedural reminder	N/A
Alert 050: Procedure Codes for Vaccine Counseling and COVID-19 Vaccine Home Administration (12/15/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 049: Emergency Rules for Vaccination of Health Care Staff (11/18/21)	Obsolete	N/A
Alert 048: Coverage for Ambulance Providers Administering COVID-19 Vaccines (11/4/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 047: ForwardHealth Accepts Certain Procedure Codes From Eligible Providers Who Test Patients for COVID-19 (10/21/21)	N/A	N/A

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Alert 046: New Procedure Codes for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Infusion (9/24/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 045: Administration of an Additional Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine (9/21/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 044: COVID-19 and Influenza Laboratory Procedure Codes 87636, 87637, and 87428 Will Be Allowable (7/22/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 043: COVID-19 Vaccination Data Submission to the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (6/4/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 042: COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Infusions Rate Increase (6/3/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 041: Pfizer Vaccine Approved for Members Aged 12 to 15 (5/17/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 040: COVID-19 Vaccine and COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Coverage Under Tuberculosis-Related Medicaid and Family Planning Only Limited Benefit Plans (5/11/21)	Update 2023-21: COVID-19 Unwinding: COVID-19 Vaccines, Treatments, and Laboratory Services (6/5/23)	Temporary policy continues until future notice
Alert 039: Reimbursement Resumed for Administration of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine (5/4/21) August 2, 2023: This Alert has been replaced by Alert 080.	Obsolete-refer to Alert 080	Obsolete-refer to Alert 080
Alert 038: Revoked Emergency Use Authorization for Bamlanivimab When Administered Alone (4/28/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 037: Reimbursement Paused for Administration of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine (4/16/21) August 2, 2023: This Alert has been replaced by Alert 080.	Obsolete-refer to Alert 080	Obsolete-refer to Alert 080
Alert 036: Reimbursement Rate Increase for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration (3/29/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 035: New COVID-19-Related Inpatient Procedure Codes (3/19/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 034: New Procedure Codes for Johnson & Johnson Single-Dose COVID-19 Vaccine Effective February 27, 2021 (3/9/21) August 2, 2023: This Alert has been replaced by Alert 080.	Obsolete-refer to Alert 080	Obsolete-refer to Alert 080

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Alert 033: New COVID-19-Related Diagnosis Codes Available for Claims Submission Effective January 1, 2021 (2/23/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 032: Same-Day Transportation to COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments Available for Eligible BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid Members (2/12/21)	Alert 073: COVID-19 Unwinding: Same-Day Transportation to COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Treatment Appointments for Eligible BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid Members (4/26/23)	Return to routine operations
Alert 031: SeniorCare Covers the COVID-19 Vaccine Effective December 11, 2020 (2/1/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 030: COVID-19 Laboratory Procedure Codes 87426 and 87811 Allowable With Modifier QW (1/25/21)	N/A	N/A
Alert 029: New CPR and Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (1/6/21)	Alert 075: COVID-19 Unwinding: CPR and Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements (4/27/23)	Requirements vary, please refer to Alert content.
Alert 028: New Procedure Codes in Response to COVID-19 (11/6/20)	N/A	N/A
Alert 027: Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Program Enrollment Now Open (11/5/20)	One-time procedural reminder	N/A
Alert 026: ForwardHealth Increasing Coverage for Influenza Vaccination (10/28/20)	Obsolete	N/A
Alert 025: Public Health Emergency Extended Into January 2021 (10/15/20)	Obsolete	N/A
Alert 024: ForwardHealth Billing Reminders When Submitting Claims for Vaccinations (10/2/20)	N/A	N/A
Alert 023: ForwardHealth Will End Coverage for Some Non-Physician Phone Assessment Services (7/28/20)	Obsolete	N/A
Alert 022: Providers May Not Charge Members Additional Fees for COVID-19 Precautions (6/02/20)	Obsolete	N/A
Alert 021: Medicaid-Enrolled Provider Requirement Temporarily Waived for Prescribing, Referring, or Ordering Certain COVID-19-Related Laboratory Codes (5/27/20)	Alert 078: COVID-19 Unwinding: Medicaid-Enrolled Provider Requirement for Prescribing, Referring, or Ordering Certain COVID-19-Related Laboratory Codes (5/11/23)	Return to routine operations
Alert 020: COVID-19 Laboratory Procedure Codes U0002 and 87635 Allowable With Modifier QW (5/15/20)	N/A	N/A
Alert 018: ForwardHealth Will End Expanded Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment for Children (5/5/20)	Alert 074: COVID-19 Unwinding: Presumptive Eligibility Rollback (4/27/23)	All routine operations and eligibility criteria for PE will resume

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Alert 016: ForwardHealth-Accepted Procedure Codes from Eligible Providers Who Test Medicaid-Enrolled Members for COVID-19 (4/23/20)	Alert 077: COVID-19 Unwinding: Procedure Codes for High Throughput COVID-19 Laboratory Testing (5/11/23)	These procedure codes will no longer be covered by ForwardHealth
Alert 015: Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants May Temporarily Order Home Health Services (Revised 5/11/20)	2023-15: COVID-19 Unwinding: Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants Ordering Home Health Services (05/01/23)	Temporary policy becomes permanent
Alert 014: ForwardHealth Will Expand Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment (Hospitals) (4/17/20) May 5, 2020: This Alert has been revised since its original publication. The information from Alert 012, which has been replaced by Alert 018, has been removed.	Alert 074: COVID-19 Unwinding: Presumptive Eligibility Rollback (4/27/23)	All routine operations and eligibility criteria for PE will resume
Alert 012: ForwardHealth Will Expand Presumptive Eligibility for Express Enrollment (4/10/20) May 5, 2020: This Alert has been replaced by Alert 018.	N/A	All routine operations and eligibility criteria for PE will resume
Alert 011: ForwardHealth Is Implementing Two New Diagnosis Codes Effective April 1, 2020 (4/6/20)	N/A	N/A
Alert 010: ForwardHealth Has Expanded the List of Drugs Available Through Expedited Emergency Supply (Revised 5/7/20)	Update 2022-46: Return to Certain Pre-COVID-19 Pharmacy Policies Effective December 1, 2022	Return to routine operations
Alert 008: Temporary Change for Urgent Prior Authorization Requests (Revised 5/8/20)	Alert 076: COVID-19 Unwinding: Urgent Prior Authorization Requests (5/2/23)	Requirements vary, please refer to Alert content
Alert 007: Respiratory Care Services Training During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Revised 5/8/20) January 21, 2021: This Alert has been replaced by Alert 029.	N/A	Requirements vary, please refer to Alert content
Alert 006: CPR Training During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Revised 5/8/20) January 21, 2021: This Alert has been replaced by Alert 029.	N/A	Requirements vary, please refer to Alert content
Alert 003: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Services (3/20/20)	Obsolete	N/A
Alert 001: ForwardHealth Accepted Procedure Codes From Eligible Providers Who Test Patients for COVID-19 (3/18/20)	N/A	N/A