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**FAX BLAST**

MEMORANDUM

TO: WV Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

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SUBJECT: WV MEDICAID CO-PAY REQUIREMENTS REMOVED FROM COVID-19 RELATED DRUGS

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, WV Medicaid has temporarily removed co-pay requirements from a limited number of medications that may have possible use in treating the disease or treating symptoms of the disease.

Co-pays are not to be applied on the following products, retroactive to February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

Albuterol 90 mcg inhaler  
Acetaminophen  
Guaifenesin  
Dextromethorphan  
Guaifenesin- Dextromethorphan  
Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil)  
Chloroquine

Until further notice, this change applies to any WV Medicaid claim processed for these products, regardless of the patient's COVID-19 diagnosis status.

For products dispensed between February 4<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>, members may request refunds of co-pays they paid on these products by asking the dispensing pharmacy to reverse and rebill the subject claims.

BMS appreciates all that you do to protect the health and well-being of our members. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives.