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Dear Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids® Providers:

To support the State of Georgia, and its Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® providers and members during the COVID-19 public health emergency, Georgia's Department of Community Health (DCH) is suspending the collection of **all** Medicaid copayments for dates of service **on or after May 1, 2020**. The suspension of copayments will remain in effect through the duration of the Public Health Emergency. The suspension applies to all fee-for-service and managed care services. During the Public Health Emergency, as of May 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for all Medicaid services will be increased by the specific copayment amount. For the duration of the National State of Emergency, members will not be responsible for paying any copays.

This limited time period suspension of copayments is authorized by a Medicaid Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (SPA) and a Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) State Plan Amendment that DCH submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on April 8, 2020. Upon conclusion of the Public Health Emergency, Georgia will be required to reverse the changes approved by CMS in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Rates will return to the previously approved reimbursement amounts and members will be required to participate in copayments.

DCH will continue to monitor the evolving nature of this unprecedented public health emergency, make updates, and use its existing authority as well as the flexibilities offered by CMS to make additional program changes at the appropriate times moving forward.

DCH will communicate with providers and members in advance of the return to pre-emergency rates and policy with as much advance notice as possible. Please continue to watch for updates through banner messages, DCH website posts, and distribution by professional and trade associations.

Should you have additional questions regarding the contents of this banner message, please contact the DXC Provider Call Center at 1-800-766-4456.