

Emergency Services Only (ESO) Medicaid Coverage for COVID-19

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently clarified that Emergency Services Only (ESO) Medicaid covers medically-

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necessary COVID-19-related testing and treatment. **ESO Medicaid is available to individuals who are eligible for Medicaid** *regardless of immigration status* **if they are seeking emergency treatment.** This is effective for services provided on or after March 10th, 2020. ***COVID-19-related testing, treatment or preventative care will not be considered in any public charge determinations for immigrants applying for a green card.***

In addition to currently covered ESO services, the following medically necessary COVID-19 testing and treatment services will be available to those eligible for ESO:

- Evaluation and management services provided in an outpatient setting, such as a physician office or clinic. These services may be provided in person or via telemedicine/telephone per current Medicaid policy.
- Diagnostic testing (including COVID-19 laboratory testing and radiology services)
- Medications
- Medical supplies
- Coverage includes any treatment described above as a precautionary measure for an anticipated positive test result
- Follow-up services, such as outpatient visits and medications, may be covered for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

\bullet Places that will accept ESO that may be offering COVID-19 testing: (Call ahead to ask)

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (find one at https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/)
- Free clinics (find one at <u>https://freeclinicdirectory.orgl</u>)
- Hospitals

Some testing sites are asking for identification. Acceptable ID can include a passport, school ID, or utility bill with your name on it.

If you are denied services, call the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center's (MIRC) free, confidential intake line for assistance: (734) 239-6863

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