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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PRMP COVERAGE OF COVID TESTING,
VACCINES AND ADMINISTRATION, AND TREATMENT WITHOUT COST SHARING**

The Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH), through the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP), has filed a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0005 with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the coverage of COVID testing, vaccines and administration, and treatment. SPA 23-0005 has an effective date of March 11, 2021, contingent upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). SPA 23-0005 has been submitted to comply with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) requirements for coverage of COVID testing, vaccines, their administration and vaccine counseling services for children, and treatment.

Generally, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.57(c), Medicaid agencies must complete public notice prior to submission of a SPA to CMS and provide a reasonable opportunity to comment on a SPA that substantially modifies existing cost sharing policy. SPA 23-0005 was submitted with an 1135 waiver to allow a retroactive effective date to comply with the ARP and to request a modification to the public notice requirements. PRMP is issuing this post-submission public notice as a modification to the public notice requirements.

Through SPA 23-0005, PRMP has assured CMS that COVID testing, vaccines and administration, and treatment will be provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing and that reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage will not be reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise apply under the state plan.

Any person or organization may file written comments regarding SPA 23-0005 to the PRMP within thirty (30) calendar days from the publication of this Public Notice on the Medicaid Program website (<https://www.medicaid.pr.gov/>).

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