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COVID-19 Expanded Benefits Extension

The voluntary, expanded COVID-19-related benefits announced for certain Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Health Advantage fully insured health plans and individual policies will be extended to align with the federally mandated COVID-19 coverage provisions as specified in the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) and CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act. The federal mandate currently runs through January 21, 2021, to align with the federal mandate, which had recently been extended to run through October 23, 2020. This update does not impact related changes for Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement members.