



October 22, 2020

Dear Provider,

## **COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXTENDED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTO 2021**

On October 5, 2020, HHS Secretary Alex Azar renewed the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. This extends flexibilities and funding tied to the public health emergency (PHE) to continue through January 21, 2021.

With this renewal the various testing, screening, billing, and telehealth coverages that were implemented in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency earlier this year will be extended to Ambetter of North Carolina Inc. members through late January, until the PHE is either terminated or extended again. This extension does not affect Ambetter of North Carolina Inc.'s additional Medicare coverages that are set to expire on December 31, 2020.

In accordance with this extension, Ambetter of North Carolina Inc. has updated the General Guidance for COVID-19 Testing, Screening, and Treatment document, as well as the COVID-19 Telehealth Guidance for Providers documents posted on our website.

If you have any questions about this extension or the covered benefits impacted by it, please contact Provider Services at **1-833-863-1310**.

Sincerely,

Ambetter of North Carolina Inc.