July 2021 Edition
COVID-19 No-Cost Coverages End Date, Higher Ed Virtual Expo, National Blood Shortage, HIP Path to Points, Investing Optum HSA Funds, AZ529 Plan and Securian Travel Assistance

Expanded COVID-19 No-Cost Coverages Ending July 19
As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes widely available, services that were provided at no cost will be returning to standard coverage starting July 20. See the coverage chart.

- **Telehealth/Virtual Visits** - For service providers such as Doctor on Demand, Teladoc, AmWell, BlueCare Anywhere and the UnitedHealthcare app, charges are as follows: Triple Choice Plan - copay after deductible, HDHP - coinsurance after deductible. For virtual visits from your primary care physician, or specialist, you will pay the billed charge before deductible and the copay or coinsurance after deductible. This applies to all telehealth services, including mental health.
- **COVID-19 Treatment** - ER, office visit, inpatient and outpatient care will be charged as per standard coverage. Testing and vaccines remain free.
- **Prescription Drugs** - “Refill too soon” restrictions will resume, so prescriptions will be refilled on the standard schedule.

COVID-19 Vaccines and Tests Remain Free and Widely Available
Safe, effective, and free vaccines are widely available at doctor’s offices, pharmacies, and numerous other locations around the state. Arizonans age 12 and older are eligible to receive the vaccine. You can find a vaccine site at [azheath.gov/findvaccine](http://azheath.gov/findvaccine). COVID-19 saliva testing has concluded at ADOA, but is also widely available, please
visit [azhealth.gov/covid19testing](http://azhealth.gov/covid19testing). Please help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by getting tested if you have symptoms and isolating if you test positive.

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**State Employee Higher Education Virtual Expo July 19-23**

Ready to get that degree to further your career goals? Learn about the programs and discounts offered from our higher education partners during our first virtual event. Tuition reimbursement may be available through your agency, check with your HR representative. Each session will be 30 minutes with a chance to ask questions. See the [full schedule](http://www.stateemployeeexpo.com), and view a quick profile on each school.

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**National Blood Shortage - Donations Needed**

Currently, the national blood supply has less than a half a day in reserve. As the severe shortage continues, we encourage all employees to donate blood to save lives. To find the nearest site to donate, visit the [Red Cross](http://www.redcross.org) and [Vitalant](http://www.vitalant.com) (formerly United Blood Services).

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**HIP Path to Points**

Looking for ways to max out your daily points to reach the 50,000 point total and earn the $200 annual incentive? You CAN do it between July and December! Check out the [Points Path Flyer](http://www.hipaz.com).
New to HIP?

- To learn more about the Health Impact Program (HIP), watch this quick introduction video with Governor Ducey and visit our HIP page.
- To enroll, visit join.virginpulse.com/hip or search for "Virgin Pulse" in your app store.

July Webinars
Our webinars give you tips you can use to improve your life every day. Earn 25 HIP points for viewing a live or recorded webinar with the ability to earn up to 100 points per year. All webinars are closed captioned.

- **Healthy Media Consumption and Social Media Usage** | July 14, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Arizona Time | Registration | Flyer
- **Moving from School to Career** | July 27, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Arizona Time | Registration | Flyer

July is Summer Safety Month
Take advantage of this helpful wellbeing information from our medical carriers. *Note: You are not required to be enrolled with a carrier to view their information.*

*BlueCross BlueShield of Arizona*
- Zucchini Breakfast Casserole

*UnitedHealthcare*
- Sun Safety Tips
- Sun Safety Podcast (14 mins)

Summer Travel Ahead? Get Help with Securian Travel Assistance
Our group life insurance coverage also provides the following free travel services: lost luggage, ID theft, medical services, and so much more. Check out the flyer and lifebenefits.com/travel. This information is also on benefitoptions.az.gov/lifeinsurance.
All benefits-eligible employees can use these services.

**Investing Your Optum HSA Funds**
Investing Health Savings Account (HSA) dollars has many potential tax benefits and can be an additional way to save for long-term health care expenses and financial goals. Once your Optum HSA reaches $1,000, you may choose to invest a portion of your HSA dollars. Learn more with a [2-minute overview](#) or [10-minute webinar recording](#).

**Save for Your Child's Future Education the Smart Way**
AZ529, Arizona’s Education Savings Plan can help pay for expenses at a university, community college, vocational training or apprenticeship program. The educational options with a good financial plan are endless. Open your AZ529 Plan today: [az529.gov](#).

**Questions?**
Please contact a Benefit Options representative by phone 602-542-5008, toll-free 1-800-304-3687, by email benefits@azdoad.gov or visit [benefitoptions.az.gov](#). Our office is closed for walk-ins at this time, but we can help you virtually Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm Arizona Time, except holidays.