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## State of Emergency: Fires in Los **Angeles and Riverside Counties**

### Support for Health Net members impacted by fires

On October 11, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in Los Angeles and Riverside counties due to the effects of several fires, including the Saddleridge, Eagle, Sandalwood, Reche, and Wolf fires. Health Net\* is providing assistance to members in Los Angeles and Riverside counties affected by the fires.

We want to help ensure that members who have been impacted because they or their usual health care providers have been temporarily displaced, have continued access to health care services and prescriptions during the state of emergency.

Here is what you need to know.

#### Prior authorization, precertification and referrals

Health Net is taking steps to ensure that Health Net participating providers in areas affected by the fires are able to continue providing care for Health Net members' medical needs.

Health Net participating providers may call the Provider Services Center using the contact information provided in the right-hand column of this page for guidance on:

- Easing of time limitations for prior authorizations, precertification and referrals for treatment.
- Approval for out-of-network services in the event a contracting provider or facility becomes unavailable.
- Authorization for the replacement of medical equipment or supplies.

#### Filing claims

The deadline to file claims for providers impacted by the fires will be extended. Providers may contact the **Provider Services Center** using the contact information provided in the right-hand column of this page for additional guidance on claims extension time frames.

#### **Prescription information**

Health Net will approve any essential prescription medications (with current copayments and deductibles) for any Health Net member in Los Angeles and Riverside counties whose medication was lost in a fire or remained behind during an evacuation. Providers should inform their Health Net patients that to obtain an emergency supply, affected members can return to the pharmacy where the original prescription was filled. If the pharmacy is not open due to the state of emergency, affected Health Net members can contact Health Net's Emergency Response line at 1-800-400-8987, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific time (PT), for questions or assistance.

#### THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO **CALIFORNIA PROVIDERS:**

- Physicians
- Participating Physician Groups
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers

#### LINES OF BUSINESS:

- HMO/POS/HSP
- PPO
- O EPO
- Medicare Advantage (HMO)
- Medi-Cal
  - O Kern
  - Los Angeles
    - Molina
  - Riverside
  - Sacramento
  - O San Bernardino
  - O San Diego
  - O San Joaquin
  - O Stanislaus
  - Tulare

#### PROVIDER SERVICES

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#### EnhancedCare PPO (IFP)

1-844-463-8188

provider.healthnetcalifornia.com

Health Net Employer Group HMO, POS, HSP, & PPO

1-800-641-7761

provider.healthnet.com

IFP - CommunityCare HMO, PPO, PureCare HSP, PureCare One EPO

1-888-926-2164

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Medicare (individual)

1-800-929-9224

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Medicare (employer group)

1-800-929-9224

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Medi-Cal - 1-800-675-6110 provider.healthnet.com

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#### Coping assistance

Health Net members who lost their homes or have been evacuated due to the current fires may contact MHN, Health Net's behavioral health subsidiary, for referrals to mental health counselors, local resources or telephonic consultations to help them cope with stress, grief, loss, or other trauma resulting from the fires. For the duration of the state of emergency and its immediate aftermath, affected Health Net members may contact MHN 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-227-1060.

#### Additional information

Depending on how the fire situation progresses, Health Net may make additional changes to its policies as needed to ensure members have access to necessary health care services.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact the applicable Health Net **Provider Services Center** at:

Line of Business	Telephone Number	Provider Portal	Email Address
EnhancedCare PPO (IFP)	1-844-463-8188	provider.healthnetcalifornia.com	
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