

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cigna-HealthSpring Providers

FROM: Network Operations

RE: Disaster and Emergency Access to Providers, Services and Medication

Date: June 11, 2018

This memo serves to inform our North Carolina Cigna-HealthSpring providers that due to the **State of North Carolina** declaring a state of emergency for several counties in response to Tropical Storm Alberto, our normal requirements are lifted for at least 30 days.

Impacted Counties: Alexander, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Polk, Rowan and Union.

Since this will impact customers in counties throughout **North Carolina**, as of **May 30, 2018**:

- Authorizations and referrals are waived in full and are not required for customers in the affected counties for Medicare covered benefits and are still subject to plan limitations.
- The declaration will remain effective until further notice. If we do not receive further notification, it will expire **06/29/2018**.
- Cigna-HealthSpring will temporarily reduce plan-approved out-of-network cost-sharing to in-network cost-sharing amounts;
- Waive the 30-day notification requirement to enrollees as long as all the changes (such as reduction of cost-sharing and waiving authorization) benefit the enrollee;
- Allow Part A and Part B and supplemental Part C plan benefits to be furnished at specified non-contracted facilities (note that Part A and Part B benefits must, per 42 CFR § 422.204(b)(3), be furnished at Medicare certified facilities).
 - A physician practicing in an affected county, but treating a MAPD patient who is visiting from an unaffected county/state and unable to leave the area will not require a referral or authorization.
 - A physician practicing in an unaffected county/state, but treating an evacuated MAPD patient who resides in an affected county will not require a referral or authorization.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements, please contact the Provider Customer Service Center at 800-230-6138 for assistance.