

# COVID-19 MEDICATIONS

Approved by the FDA



## FDA-approved COVID-19 medications are available through your Cigna plan.

### COVID-19 medications can help lessen the virus' effects.

In late December 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved two oral prescription medications for the treatment of coronavirus disease (COVID-19): PAXLOVID™ (from Pfizer) and molnupiravir (from Merck).<sup>1</sup> These medications can help lessen the virus' effects and lower the risk of hospitalization. If your doctor thinks PAXLOVID™ or molnupiravir is right for you, you should take it as soon as you develop symptoms and test positive for COVID-19.

- › Both medications are covered on your plan's drug list as **preferred brands**.<sup>2</sup>
- › If you or a covered family member get a prescription for PAXLOVID™ or molnupiravir, you can fill it **at any pharmacy** (in- or out-of-network) that has it available. Or, you can get the medication directly from your doctor's office (if they have it).

## Together, all the way.®

1. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website, "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: December 23, 2021", <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-december-23-2021>, accessed 1/6/2022. The FDA has given approval (known as "emergency use authorization") to use PAXLOVID™ and molnupiravir to treat COVID-19.
2. The federal government is currently ordering and distributing PAXLOVID™ and molnupiravir at no cost. If prescribed, you may have to pay a small dispensing fee at the pharmacy (where available), but you won't pay more than \$6 out-of-pocket. It is anticipated this government program will remain in effect through the end of the Public Health Emergency. But when it ends, these medications will be covered consistent with the terms of your benefit plan.
3. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website, "Learn More About COVID-19 Vaccines from the FDA." Last updated 01/03/2022. <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/learn-more-about-covid-19-vaccines-fda>.
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, "Covid-19 Vaccines Work." Last updated 12/23/2021. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/work.html>.

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Health benefit plans vary, but in general to be eligible for coverage a drug must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), prescribed by a health care professional, purchased from a licensed pharmacy and medically necessary. If your plan provides coverage for certain prescription drugs with no cost-share, you may be required to use an in-network pharmacy to fill the prescription. If you use a pharmacy that does not participate in your plan's network, your prescription may not be covered, or reimbursement may be limited by your plan's copayment, coinsurance or deductible requirements. Certain features described in this document may not be applicable to your specific health plan, and plan features may vary by location and plan type. Refer to your plan documents for costs and complete details of your plan's prescription drug coverage.

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### Vaccines are the best way to protect yourself and others against COVID-19.<sup>3</sup>

All currently approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and lower your risk of severe illness.<sup>4</sup> The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone age five years and older get the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots (when eligible).<sup>4</sup>

### We're here to help.

Visit Cigna's Coronavirus Resource Center at [Cigna.com/coronavirus](https://www.cigna.com/coronavirus) for the latest COVID-19 vaccine information, updates, and answers to frequently asked questions.