

To our Valued Partners:

Over the past several weeks, Joint Powers Trust (JPT) and Employee Benefit Management Services (EBMS) have been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 throughout the country and any implications it may have for our business partners regarding the fully-pooled plans. This notification is to inform you of some important matters.

Many states are now mandating certain levels of coverage for fully-insured and non-ERISA plans. In light of this, Joint Powers Trust is moving forward with the following measures to mirror those mandated levels of coverage.

- Waive member cost share on diagnostic testing of COVID-19
- Waive pre-authorization requirements for treatment of infected individuals
- Allow a one-time early refill of all maintenance medications

The Fully pooled groups have access to telemedicine through Wellvia; we strongly encourage its utilization. Our healthcare system is being taxed right now with regular cases as well as additional patient concerns, and telemedicine, when used appropriately, allows your employees to receive treatment immediately. Telemedicine is a medical service that helps with issues such as medication management, management of chronic health conditions, consultations, and follow up visits. Telemedicine can also be the first line of defense to determine if a person needs to be seen by a medical provider.

Wellvia can be contacted 24/7 by phone and by visiting their website to request a telemedicine visit. Wellvia also utilizes a mobile app that can be found on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store for Android devices.

Phone: 855-935-5842

Website: <http://www.wellviasolutions.com/>

Additionally, please remember to report cases of COVID-19 to your local Department of Health.

JPT and EBMS are prepared to continue operating at a normal capacity so that we may assist your members with their concerns. Our top priority is the health of your members. While we are committed to assisting you, continue to check in with the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/) for immediate developments.

We anticipate that you will have questions, please feel free to contact Cyndy, Greg, the Account Management team at EBMS or myself. We appreciate your partnership and we will all work to get through this together.

Sincerely,



Shane Heigis
JPT Plan Administrator

