



Clarification: Essential Plan Guidance related to cost sharing for the testing, diagnosis of, and vaccination for Monkeypox

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Effective July 29, 2022, and for the duration of the declared disaster in the State of New York,¹ Essential Plan issuers are required to cover cost-sharing for office or telemedicine visits related to testing, diagnosis, and treatment of Monkeypox.

While vaccines are in limited supply and awaiting broader approval, our understanding is that they are offered free of charge irrespective of insurance status. To the extent vaccines are offered through a provider, the visit should be covered without cost-sharing.

Additionally, this guidance applies to Essential Plans only. NY State of Health will monitor utilization and make rate adjustments, if necessary.

¹ Exec. Order No. 20, available at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/executive-order/no-20-declaring-disaster-state-new-york> (Jul. 9, 2022).