

INFORMATION FOR MEDICAID MEMBERS

Virginia Medicaid: New Coverage of Insect Repellents for Zika Prevention

Beginning **August 22, 2016**, Virginia Medicaid will cover insect repellents to prevent infection with the Zika virus. Zika can cause birth defects in infants whose mothers are infected while pregnant. Because there is not a vaccine to prevent the disease or medicine to treat Zika, it is important that pregnant women use repellent to protect themselves and their infants. It is also important for sexual partners of pregnant women and women trying to conceive to use repellent because Zika can be sexually transmitted.



What Programs are Included?

- Medicaid Fee-for-Service, FAMIS, FAMIS MOMS and the Governor's Access Plan (GAP),
- Medallion 3.0 Health Plans: Anthem HealthKeepers Plus, Aetna Better Health of Virginia, Virginia Premier, Optima Family Care, Kaiser Permanente, INTotal Health
- Commonwealth Coordinated Care Health Plans: Anthem, Humana, and Virginia Premier

Who is Covered?

- Pregnant women; **OR**
- Women and men of child bearing years (ages 14-44) trying to conceive

What is Required?

- **A prescription is required.**
- One can/bottle of insect repellent is allowed per prescription fill, with one refill allowed per calendar month.
- Repellent will be provided at no cost to members who are:
 - Ages 14 to 20 years; **OR**
 - Pregnant; **OR**
 - Enrolled in Medallion 3.0 or Commonwealth Coordinated Care Health Plans
- Some members who are not pregnant and 21 or older who are in the Medicaid Fee-for-Service or FAMIS programs may need to pay a maximum \$1 co-pay for a prescription.

How Do I Get Repellent?

- Contact your local pharmacy to make sure they are participating in this benefit.
- Call your doctor or healthcare provider and ask them to call or fax a prescription for the insect repellent to your pharmacy.
- **Do not request an office visit only to request a prescription for insect repellent unless there is a medical reason for you to see your healthcare provider.**

Where Can I Find More Information about Zika and Zika Prevention?

- Virginia Department of Health: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/zika/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/zika/