To: All North Carolina Clinicians Eligible to bill Medicaid  
From: The COVID-19 Testing and Treatments Team  
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Did you know that as of 2020, [1 in 5 North Carolinians did not have health insurance](#)? This does not account for the hundreds of thousands who find themselves underinsured. As a result, many patients do not have a primary care physician and do not have access to routine medical care.

Should you find yourself providing care for a patient who has tested positive for COVID-19 and are under/uninsured, please refer to the resources below. Feel free to share this information with other colleagues and/or providers in your networks as well.

**NC Medicaid Optional COVID-19 (MCV) Testing, Treatment and Vaccination Program**

Patients who are uninsured may be eligible to have their COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and treatment covered at no-cost by Medicaid, even if they are not currently a Medicaid beneficiary.

NC Medicaid is reimbursing COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccination costs for individuals without insurance who enroll in the NC Medicaid Optional COVID-19 Testing, Treatment and Vaccination (MCV) program. To be eligible, an individual must:

- Live in North Carolina
- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national or have eligible immigration status
- Not be covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or other health insurance

Individuals may [complete an application online](#).

You may find additional information, including processing time for applications and a special bulletin about continued reimbursement for these services [here](#).