



In response to the current conditions related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the need to limit the spread of the virus while maintaining access to care, we are **temporarily** expanding our telemedicine benefit. Effective March 16, 2020, SAMBA members and their dependents will be able to receive telehealth services, including office visits, mental health counseling and preventative health screenings, conducted by providers such as: physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical psychologists, and clinical social workers. Normal copay, coinsurance and deductible amounts will apply to these services.

For COVID-19 diagnostic testing, SAMBA will waive member costs associated with the testing when a doctor or other health care provider orders it.

This temporary benefit expansion will be in place for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Additionally, SAMBA continues to offer coverage for telemedicine visits through Teladoc providers. Visit [Teladoc.com](https://www.teladoc.com) or call 1-800-TELADOC (835-2362) for more information.