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**Subject:** Billing Insurance for COVID Testing Update

Coyotes,

As was previously communicated, the on-campus testing provider began billing insurance plans for campus community members on January 4, 2022. This is being done to continue offering free on-campus testing. Federal and State mandates require that insurers cover the cost of COVID-19 testing during the global pandemic.

It has come to our attention that some members of the campus community have been billed in error by their insurance provider for testing that was conducted at our on-campus facility. If you have received a bill from your insurance provider for COVID Testing conducted at the Palm Desert or San Bernardino testing facilities, please email the [Office of Risk Management](#). For questions regarding this communication please contact Lynniece Warren, Executive Director of Risk Management (909)537-4552.

The billing of insurance should not impact insurance premiums and is required to be a covered expense by an Executive Order signed by President Biden on January 21, 2021. The order mandates that COVID-19 testing must be covered without cost sharing, prior authorization, or other medical management requirements imposed by an insurance plan or issuer. This executive order also provides for reimbursement to testing providers for individuals who are uninsured via the CARES Act Uninsured Fund.

Additionally, CA [Senate Bill \(SB\) 510](#), signed into law on October 8, 2021, requires health care insurance policies to cover COVID-19 testing and vaccinations without cost-sharing or prior authorization requirements.

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