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## **Aetna to waive commercial members' cost-sharing for inpatient COVID-19 admissions**

Aetna will waive copayments and cost-sharing for inpatient admissions related to COVID-19 for its commercial members, the insurer announced Wednesday.

The insurer **said** this new program targeting the virus outbreak would be available to commercial members admitted to any of its in-network hospitals through June 1. The waivers are immediately available.

In addition, Aetna announced that it would be among the health plans to work more closely with hospitals to ease patient transfers to other sites of care and that, in the hardest-hit states, hospitals would not need to seek permission from Aetna to hospitalize patients confirmed to have COVID-19.

“The additional steps we’re announcing today are consistent with our commitment to delivering timely and seamless access to care as we navigate the spread of COVID-19,” said Karen Lynch, CVS Health executive vice president and Aetna president, in a statement. “We are doing everything we can to make sure our members have simple and affordable access to the treatment they need as we face the pandemic together.”