Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Expedites Access to Care for Members Affected by Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura

BOSTON, Aug. 24, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- In response to Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura, the governors of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas have declared states of emergency and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. ("Blue Cross") is expediting access to care for affected members.

Blue Cross has more than 85,000 members living in the affected states. The company is working to ensure those members can access health services and medications quickly and in locations convenient to them.

Effective immediately and for the next 90 days, Blue Cross is allowing:

- Early refills of any prescription medication
- Affected members to use Well Connection, Blue Cross' dedicated telehealth platform, to access medical and mental health services free of cost, with no copayment or deductible. Members should enter the code "BCBSMA10" in the coupon code box on the payment screen.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, Blue Cross has already taken other steps to expand access to care that will benefit members in the states affected by Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura. Blue Cross is:

- Waiving referral, authorization and pre-certification requirements for medical and pharmacy services
- Covering in-network medical and mental health visits provided by phone or video (telehealth) with no co-pay, deductible or co-insurance

The above enhanced benefits are in effect for all Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts members for the duration of the public health emergency.

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