

INSURANCE NEWS



Endowment for Children with Extra Needs

“One Who Is Loved” makes possible love gifts, not to exceed \$1,000 per year per child, to benefit children under the age of 18 who have special needs. Examples of special needs include specialized medical equipment or supplies/medicine, transportation to hospitals or treatment, caregiver respite, or other special needs. Applications can be found at

<https://nccumc.org/treasurer/files/Benevolent-Funds-Application.pdf>

Pastors of the NC Conference are encouraged to recommend children (18 years old or younger) who are members of, or who have at least one parent who is a member of, a local United Methodist Church in the NC Conference. **Donations are encouraged to enable this special grant fund to serve the needs of many children and should be directed to the United Methodist Foundation.**

COVID-19 Over-the-Counter Test Coverage

Members of the NC Conference health insurance plan have coverage for eight (8) approved over-the-counter (OTC) tests each month, beginning January 15, 2022, and continuing through the current public health emergency. These tests do not have to be ordered by a doctor and can be self-administered and self-read at home. Members who present their Blue Cross NC member ID card at an in-network pharmacy counter will pay no out-of-pocket costs when purchasing an eligible (i.e. be FDA-approved or have Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)) test kit. Members who purchase tests without their Blue Cross NC prescription drug card at an out-of-network pharmacy or other retailer can pay out of pocket and mail an OTC test claim form to our pharmacy benefit manager, Prime, for reimbursement. For a form or for more information, refer to the post on <https://nccumc.org/treasurer/insurance/>. Free COVID-19 tests are available at covidtests.gov.

Did You Move?

Update your BCBS address by going online to www.ebenefitsnow.com. Your Login ID is your first name + first *two* letters of your last name + the last 4 digits of your SSN. Your password may be the one you used in Open Enrollment 2021, or it may need to be reset. If you have problems updating your information online, submit the change in writing to Sandy Lee at the email address below.

30 Day Deadline

Please notify the Benefits Team **within 30 days** of any changes that would affect your conference insurance coverage. Such changes include adding or removing dependents, terminating coverage, or other change of life circumstance.

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