



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



On August 5, 2020, the New York State Department of Financial Services (“DFS”) issued Circular Letter No. 14 (2020) regarding charges for personal protective equipment (“PPE”) by health care and dental care providers. The Circular Letter addresses complaints received from some individuals who have been charged for PPE used by their health care/dental care provider and reminds providers that they are limited to collecting applicable patient health plan cost-sharing and prohibited from balance billing.

The Circular Letter also advises health care and dental care providers that they must refund health plan members for any fees collected for PPE. To review the Circular Letter, please [visit the DFS website](#).

The Health Plan has not changed its reimbursement policy related to PPE, supplies or materials; they are not covered and are considered inclusive to the service provided.

