BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS EXPEDITES ACCESS TO CARE FOR CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA MEMBERS AFFECTED BY SEVERE WEATHER

BOSTON, August 21, 2023 – In response to severe weather in California and Nevada, <u>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts</u> (Blue Cross) is expediting access to care for members who may be affected.

Blue Cross has more than 45,000 members living in areas under states of emergency. The company is working to ensure those members can access health services and medications quickly and in locations convenient to them.

Effective now and for the duration of the emergency declarations, Blue Cross is allowing:

- Early refills of any prescription medication
- Affected members to use <u>Well Connection</u>, the health plan's dedicated telehealth platform, to access medical and mental health services free of cost, with no copayments or deductible with the codes BCBSMA 171 (California members) and BCBSMA172 (Nevada members).



(Note: Only members with Blue Cross' telehealth benefit will be able to access Well Connection and only via My Blue)

About Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

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