

# Alien Emergency Medical (AEM)

## Assessment and treatment for COVID-19

### Background

Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) is a program for individuals who have a qualifying medical emergency and do not meet the citizenship or immigration requirements, or are a qualified individual who has not met the 5-year bar.

Qualifying emergencies include:

- Emergency room visits
- Inpatient hospital stays
- Outpatient surgery
- Dialysis
- Cancer treatment
- Antirejection medications

### Program update

In response to the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) the Health Care Authority (HCA) has filed an [emergency rule](#). This rule expands:

- Qualifying emergencies to include the assessment and treatment of COVID-19.
- The testing and treatment settings to include office, clinic, or over telehealth.
- Approved services. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may have medications and respiratory services covered. Potential positive COVID-19 results may have follow-up visits and medications covered.

### How to apply

Adults age 19 through 64:

- **Online:** visit [Washington Healthplanfinder](#)
- **Mobile app:** Download the [WAPlanfinder app](#)
- **Paper:** [Application for Health Care Coverage \(18-001P\)](#)
- **Phone:** 1-855-923-4633

Adults age 65 or older, blind, disabled, or in need of long-term services:

- **Online:** [Washington Connection](#)
- **Paper:** [Application for aged, blind, disabled/long-term care coverage \(18-005\)](#)
- **Phone:** 1-877-501-2233

The [AEM fax cover sheet](#) includes COVID-19 under the Applying for Coverage section.

