

TO: CHS Groups and TPAs

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SUBJECT: Updated COVID-19 Coding and Claims Processing

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Please review the updated grid of COVID19 Related codes for your use and reference as needed.

- The code effective date relates to the CMS/AMA effective dates.
  - If the code was active prior to the COVID19 pandemic, the date is listed as 'existing'.
- There have been no changes to the modifiers.
- Updated diagnosis codes.
- The Prof Fee is also viewable on the TPA Portal rates and fees tool if the fee has been defined.
- The 5th column identifies if the provider specific reimbursement will be applied.
  - If yes, the provider rate identified on the portal should be used to calculate the reimbursement,
  - If no, the flat rate applies.
- We have also added a column indicating the applicable unit maximum.
- BCBSAZ has retro effectively increased the reimbursement for CPTs 86326 and 86769.
  - The CHS team will be forwarding rework lists for impacted claims shortly.

As always, if you have any questions please contact Michele Linderoth the TPA Specialist for CHS via email at [michele.linderoth@azblue.com](mailto:michele.linderoth@azblue.com) or by calling 602-864-5749.

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ICD-10 Diag Code	Diagnosis Description	Code Eff Date
U07.1	2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease	4/1/2020
B97.29	Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere	existing
B34.2	Coronavirus infection, unspecified	existing

Modifier	Modifier Description	Code Eff Date
GT	Via interactive audio and video telecommunication system	existing
95	Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via a real-time interactive audio and video telecommunications system	existing

CPT/ HCPCS	Code Description	Code Eff Date	Prof Fee	Apply Provider- Specific Reimb Rate?	Unit Limit
0202U	Infectious Disease (Bacterial Or Viral Respiratory Tract Infection), Pathogen-Specific Nucleic Acid (Dna Or Rna), 22 Targets Including Sars-Cov-2, Qualitative Rt-Pcr, Nasopharyngeal Swab, Each Pathogen Reported As Detected Or Not Detected	5/20/2020	\$150.20	Yes	TBD
86328	Immunoassay For Infectious Agent Antibody(ies), Qualitative Or Semiquantitative, Single Step Method (Eg, Reagent Strip); Ia Infectious Agent Antibody Sars-Cov-2 Covid-19	4/10/2020	\$45.23	Yes	2 units
86769	Antibody; Severe Acute Respir Synd Sars-Cov-2 Covid-19	4/10/2020	\$42.13	Yes	2 units
87635	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique	3/13/2020	\$51.31	No	2 units
99000	Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from office to lab	existing	\$5.00	Yes	Existing ProcMult = 2 Limit

CPT/ HCPCS	Code Description	Code Eff Date	Prof Fee	Apply Provider- Specific Reimb Rate?	Unit Limit
99001	Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer other from office to lab	existing	\$5.00	Yes	Existing ProcMult = 2 Limit
C9803	Hospital outpatient clinic visit specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19])	3/1/2020	\$23.46	Yes	TBD
G2023	Specimen Collection Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) Any Specimen Source	3/1/2020	\$22.67	Yes	1 unit
G2024	Specimen Collection Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) Snf/Lab, Any Specimen Source	3/1/2020	\$24.54	Yes	1 unit
G2025	Distant Site Telehealth Services for RHC/FQHC	1/27/2020	\$92.03	Yes	TBD
U0001	CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel	2/4/2020	\$35.91	No	2 units
U0002	2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC	2/4/2020	\$51.31	No	2 units
U0003	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R.	4/14/2020	\$96.62	Yes	2 units
U0004	2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R.	4/14/2020	\$96.62	Yes	2 units