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## ***PROVIDER UPDATE***

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To: IMCare Providers  
From: Sarah Duell, IMCare Director  
Date: April 29, 2020  
RE: Updated COVID-19 Billing Guidelines

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To identify claims related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, providers may submit claims using the following information:

- 837I claim – CMS 1450 form (institutional, OP & IP) – please use condition code DR (disaster related).
- 837P claim – CMS 1500 form or NCPDP format (professional) – please use modifier CR (catastrophe/disaster related).
- All claims should be submitted with ICD-10 diagnosis code U07.1 (2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease). Effective 4/1/20.
- All claims prior to 3/31/20 should be submitted with ICD-10 diagnosis code B97.29 (Other coronavirus as the cause of disease classified elsewhere). Use this diagnosis code for discharges occurring on or before 3/31/2020 only.
- Modifier CS - outpatient providers, physicians, and other providers and suppliers that bill for Medicare Part B services append this modifier on applicable claims lines to identify the service as subject to the cost-sharing waiver for COVID-19 testing-related services. Medicare patients should not be charged co-insurance or deductibles for these services. Effective for DOS 3/18/2020 - end of public health emergency.
- CPT procedure code 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. Effective 3/13/20.
- CPT procedure code 86328 - Immunoassay for Infectious Agent Antibody(ies), Qualitative or semi-quantitative Single Step Method (e.g., Reagent Strip); Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus2 (SARS-CoV2) (Coronavirus Disease [COVID-19]). Effective 4/10/20.
- CPT procedure code 86769 - Antibody; Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus2 (SARS-CoV2) (Coronavirus Disease [COVID-19]). Effective 4/10/20.
- HCPCS procedure code U0001 - CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel This code is only to be used for the tests developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Effective 2/4/20.

- HCPCS procedure code U00002- 2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC. Effective 2/4/20.
- HCPCS procedure code U0003 - Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified prove technique, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R. U0003 should identify tests that would otherwise be identified by CPT code 87635 but for being performed with high throughput technologies. Effective 3/18/20.
- HCPCS procedure code 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. U0004 should identify tests that would otherwise be identified by U0002 but for being performed with these high throughput technologies. Effective 3/18/20.
- HCPCS procedure code G2023 - Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), any specimen source. Effective 3/1/20.
- HCPCS procedure code G2024 - Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), from an individual in a skilled nursing facility or by a laboratory on behalf of a home health agency, any specimen source. Effective 3/1/20.

For more information, review the AMA billing guidelines regarding COVID-19 lab codes.

Information is changing rapidly, please continue to monitor provider updates and our website for the most accurate, up to date information. If you have questions, please call our call center at 218-327-6188, toll-free at 1-800-843-9536 or email [imcare.office@co.itasca.mn.us](mailto:imcare.office@co.itasca.mn.us).