TO: WV Medicaid Providers  
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Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is providing an update regarding **New Specimen Collection Codes for Laboratories Billing for COVID-19 Testing**  

Clinical diagnostic laboratories: To identify and reimburse specimen collection for COVID-19 testing, CMS established two Level II HCPCS codes, effective with date of service on or after March 1, 2020: WV Medicaid will reimburse specimen collection in accordance with our current policy at: [https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Chapter-529-Laboratory-Services.aspx](https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Chapter-529-Laboratory-Services.aspx).

These codes are billable by clinical diagnostic laboratories, physicians, nurse practitioners, transportation providers and health departments:

- **G2023** - Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), any specimen source with a rate of $21.11  
- **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 with a rate of $22.91  

This code is billable by Outpatient Hospitals:

- **C9803** – Specimen collection billed by outpatient hospital department  

For additional resource information, providers should access [https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-(COVID-19)-Alerts-and-Updates.aspx](https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-(COVID-19)-Alerts-and-Updates.aspx)  

For questions or assistance for a Member enrolled with Fee-for-service Medicaid, Providers can contact KEPRO at 1-800-346-8272 or wvmedicalservices@kepro.com.