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MEMORANDUM

TO: WV Medicaid Providers

FROM: Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW
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DATE: November 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) **Testing Billing Guideline:
Update posted October 27, 2020**

WV Medicaid is in compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) coding guidelines for COVID-19 lab testing. CMS adopted two (2) HCPCS codes, (U0001) and (U0002) effective February 4, 2020, for COVID-19 testing.

WV Medicaid will accept CPT code 87635 (effective March 13, 2020) or HCPCS Level II U0002 for the COVID-19 testing.

Effective April 1, 2020, CPT codes 86328 and 86769 are available for antibody testing.

Beginning March 18, 2020, HCPCS codes U0003 and U0004, with regard to clinical laboratory diagnostic tests (CDLTs) that make use of high throughput technologies, are reimbursable.

There is no prior authorization requirement at this time.

- U0001 - for use when specimens are sent to the CDC or CDC-approved labs
- U0002 - for use when specimens are sent to commercial (non-CDC) labs
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 86328 - Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])
- 86769 - Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]).

New Codes:

Effective June 25, 2020

87426- Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (eg, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19]) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

Effective August 10, 2020

86408- Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); screen

86409- Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); titer

Effective September 8, 2020

86413- Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARSCoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) antibody, quantitative

Effective October 6, 2020

87636- Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) and influenza virus types A and B, multiplex amplified probe technique

87637- Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), influenza virus types A and B, and respiratory syncytial virus, multiplex amplified probe technique

87811- Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

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The Office of Accountability and Management Reporting have assigned payment amounts for these codes as follows:

HCPCS/CPT Code	Payment
U0001	\$32.32
U0002	\$46.18
U0003	\$90.00
U0004	\$90.00
87635	\$46.18
86328	\$40.71
86769	\$37.92
87426	\$40.71
86408	\$37.92
86409	\$94.80
86413	\$37.92
87636	\$128.37
87637	\$128.37
87811	\$37.42

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.