



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
Bureau for Medical Services

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MEMORANDUM

TO: WV Medicaid Providers

FROM: Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW  
Commissioner

DATE: March 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Testing and Treatment

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is allowing all COVID-19 testing (U0001 and U0002) and subsequent treatment for COVID-19 diagnosis, as needed, without prior approval from our Utilization Management (UM) vendor.

Testing and treatment for all **uninsured** individuals will also be covered by WV Medicaid during the national state of emergency. The provider should use the member ID of 24000000099 for any individual who does not already have coverage by Medicaid, WV Children's Health Insurance Program (WVCHIP), Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), or other private insurers. The provider must use the patient's name for the "Patient Account Number" on the billing form. Billing will need to be submitted via paper but will be processed and paid in an expeditious manner.

BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension is received.