

## **BMS COVID 19 Testing Billing Guideline: Update posted 4/28/2020**

Attention Providers:

WV Medicaid is in compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) coding guidelines for COVID-19 lab testing. CMS adopted two HCPCS codes, (U0001) and (U0002) effective 02/04/2020, for COVID-19 testing. WV Medicaid will accept CPT code 87635 (effective 03/13/2020) or HCPCS Level II U0002 for the COVID-19 testing. Effective 04/01/2020 CPT codes 86328 and 86769 are available for antibody testing. Beginning 03/18/2020 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 coronavirus2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])); and
- 86769 - Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]).

If your laboratory uses the method specified by CPT 87635, the appropriate code to use would be CPT 87635. If your laboratory has a test that uses a method not described by CPT 87635, the appropriate code to use would be HCPCS code U0002. For additional guidance on CDLTs that make use of high throughput technologies please refer to:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-2020-01-r.pdf>

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

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](mailto:wvmedicalservices@kepro.com).