

BMS COVID 19 Specimen Collection Billing Guideline: Update posted 5/8/2020

Attention Providers:

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.

<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 with a rate of \$21.11

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.