

BMS COVID 19 Testing Billing Guideline: Update posted 8/17/2020

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]).

New Code:

Effective 6/25/2020

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])

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	TBD

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.