

## Network Notification – Florida Medicaid

### COVID-19 Laboratory Testing: New Procedure Codes

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) [communicated](#) on April 27, 2020 that Florida Medicaid covers COVID-19 laboratory testing. On June 12, 2020, the Agency provided [guidance](#) on Florida Medicaid coverage requirements for the antibody test.

*The purpose of this alert is to clarify Medicaid coverage of additional procedure codes used for COVID-19 laboratory testing.*

#### Laboratory Test Coverage

Florida Medicaid covers testing for COVID-19 consistent with the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

#### New Laboratory Procedure Codes

CMS and the American Medical Association recently established additional procedure codes for COVID-19 laboratory testing. New codes are listed in the table below, in addition to procedure codes previously covered for COVID-19 laboratory testing.

Test Category	Detection Method	Procedure Code	Fee-For-Service Independent Lab Rates	Fee-For-Service Practitioner Lab Rates	Coverage Date
Diagnostic tests	Real-Time RT-PCR diagnostic panel	U0001	\$35.92	\$35.92	On or after 2/4/20
	Any technique	U0002	\$51.31	\$51.31	On or after 2/4/20
	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) amplified probe technique	87635	\$51.31	\$51.31	On or after 3/13/20
	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) [COVID-19] and influenza virus types A and B, multiplex amplified probe technique	87636	\$77.02	\$85.58	On or after 10/6/2020
	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) [COVID-19] and influenza virus types A and B, and respiratory syncytial virus, multiplex amplified probe technique	87637	\$77.02	\$85.58	On or after 10/6/2020

Test Category	Detection Method	Procedure Code	Fee-For-Service Independent Lab Rates	Fee-For-Service Practitioner Lab Rates	Coverage Date
<a href="#">Rapid Diagnostic testing using high throughput technologies, as described by CMS</a>	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA)	U0003	\$100	\$100	On or after 4/14/20
	Any technique	U0004	\$100	\$100	On or after 4/14/20
Rapid Antigen Testing	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus	87426	\$24.42	\$27.14	On or after 6/25/20
	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus and influenza virus types A and B	87428	\$39.68	\$44.09	On or after 11/10/2020
	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical (i.e., visual) observation	87811	\$22.35	\$24.83	On or after 10/6/2020
Antibody Tests	Antibody testing, single step	86328	\$10.21	\$11.34	On or after 4/10/20
	Antibody testing, multiple step	86769	\$10.66	\$11.84	On or after 4/10/20
	Antibody, quantitative	86413	\$22.75	\$25.28	On or after 9/8/20
	Neutralizing antibody screen	86408	\$22.75	\$25.28	On or after 8/10/20
	Titer (child code to 86408)	86409	\$56.88	\$63.20	On or after 8/10/20



Additional information is detailed below:

- These services are covered as detailed in the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology code book and as defined by CMS
- Providers should work with Medicaid health plans to determine the reimbursement rates for these procedure codes for Medicaid recipients enrolled in plans
- Additional guidance on COVID-19 diagnostic tests can be found on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [website](#)

In order to be reimbursed by Florida Medicaid, the test must:

- Be authorized by the Food and Drug Administration, including Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). For a list of approved tests, please visit: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations>. *Please note, the FDA routinely revokes and adds EUA approvals. Providers must check to ensure each test has EUA approval prior to rendering to a Medicaid recipient*
- Be performed by a laboratory that has [CLIA certification or a certificate of waiver](#)

In accordance with the FDA guidance, serological tests for COVID-19 are used to detect antibodies against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and are intended for use in the diagnosis of the disease or condition of having current or past COVID-19 infection, but such tests should not be used as the sole basis for diagnosis.

### Additional Information

If you have fee-for-service coverage questions, please contact the Florida Medicaid Helpline at 1-877-254-1055.

For billing questions or concerns for recipients enrolled in a health plan, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-444-9137 Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.