

## BMS COVID 19 Testing Billing Guideline: Update posted 4/7/2020

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 CPT 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. **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
- 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

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.

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 |
| 87635          | \$46.18 |

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).