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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Medicaid Coverage of Coronavirus Laboratory Testing Update: New Procedure Codes and Rapid Testing

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is committed to ensuring that Medicaid recipients diagnosed with the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) receive all the care needed to address their symptoms. **Florida Medicaid covers and will cover all medically necessary services required to facilitate testing and treatment of COVID-19.** The purpose of this alert is to provide Florida Medicaid coverage updates of laboratory testing for COVID-19.

Laboratory Test Coverage

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

Expansion of Laboratory Procedure Codes

CMS and the American Medical Association (AMA) recently established procedure codes to identify new modalities and methods of COVID-19 laboratory testing. This table details Florida Medicaid's coverage of COVID-19 laboratory testing, categorized by the type of test and detection method.

Test Category	Detection Method	Procedure Code	Fee-For-Service Independent Lab Rates	Coverage Date
CDC testing	Real-Time RT-PCR diagnostic panel	U0001	\$35.92	On or after 2/4/20
Non-CDC testing	Any technique	U0002	\$51.33	On or after 2/4/20
	Infectious agent detection by	87635	\$51.33	On or after 3/13/20

	nucleic acid (DNA or RNA)			
Rapid testing using high throughput technologies, as described by CMS	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA)	U0003	\$100	On or after 4/14/20
	Any technique	U0004	\$100	On or after 4/14/20
Other rapid testing	Antibody testing	86328	\$10.21	On or after 4/10/20
	Antibody testing	86769	\$10.66	On or after 4/10/20

Additional information is detailed below:

- These services are covered as detailed in the AMA's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code book and as defined by CMS.
- Florida Medicaid will cover the newly established laboratory codes consistent with the [CDC guidelines](#). Coverage dates in the table align with the procedure code establishment dates by CMS and the AMA.
- **Providers cannot use U0001-U0004 or 87635 for antibody testing.**
- Providers should work with Medicaid health plans to determine the reimbursement rates for these procedure codes for Medicaid recipients enrolled in plans.

Practitioner Laboratory Coverage

The reimbursement rates for practitioner laboratories that are CLIA certified and can safely and accurately perform any of the COVID-19 laboratory tests described in this alert are as follows:

Procedure Code	Practitioner Lab Rates
86328	\$11.34
86769	\$11.84

Additional Information

For more information related to Medicaid coverage during the state of emergency, please visit the Agency's COVID [web page](#).

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