Attention All Providers:

Existing COVID-19 Testing Codes Have Been Opened for Additional Provider Types

Effective on claims with dates of service on or after July 18, 2022, the COVID-19 testing procedure codes listed below have been opened for billing by additional provider types. Prior authorization is not required for these codes. All of the testing procedure codes listed in this web announcement must be billed with the QW modifier, as the Clinical Laboratories Improvement Act (CLIA) requirement is waived for these codes. No claims will be reprocessed automatically as this is a go-forward change.

The procedure codes listed in Table 1 have been opened for billing by the providers listed in Table 2.

Table 1.

Procedure Code	Description
87428	Detection test by immunoassay technique for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus and influenza
87636	Detection test by multiplex amplified probe technique for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (Covid-19) and influenza virus types A and B
87637	Detection test by multiplex amplified probe technique for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (Sars-cov-2) (Covid-19) and influenza virus types A and B

Table 2.

Provider Type	Provider Type Description
17 specialty 166	Special Clinics: Family Planning
17 specialty 174	Special Clinics: Public Health Clinic
17 specialty 179	Special Clinics: School Based Health Centers (SBHC)
17 specialty 180*	Special Clinics: Rural Health Clinic
17 specialty 181*	Special Clinics: Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
17 specialty 182*	Special Clinics: Indian Health Program
17 specialty 188*	Special Clinics: Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC)
17 specialty 195	Special Clinics: Community Health Clinic, State Health Division
17 specialty 198	Special Clinics: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
20	Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.
24	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
32 specialty 249	Community Paramedicine
47*	Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Clinics
60	School Health Services
74	Nurse Midwife
77	Physician's Assistant

The procedure codes listed in Table 3 have been opened for billing by the providers listed in Table 4.

Table 3.

Procedure Code	Description
87635	Amplified DNA or RNA probe detection of severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2 (Covid-19) antigen
86328	Test for detection of severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2 (Covid-19) antibody, qualitative or semiquantitative
87426	Detection test by immunoassay technique for severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus
87811	Detection test by immunoassay with direct visual observation for severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2 (Covid-19)
U0002	2019-NCOV Coronavirus, SARS-Cov-2/2019-NCOV (Covid-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), Non-CDC

Table 4.

Provider Type	Provider Type Description
17 specialty 180*	Special Clinics: Rural Health Clinic
17 specialty 181*	Special Clinics: Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
17 specialty 182*	Special Clinics: Indian Health Program
47*	Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Clinics

*PT 17 specialties 180, 181, 182 and 188 and PT 47 providers must bill the testing codes with modifier Q2. The claim will pay according to the established encounter rate and the testing code will pay at $0 as the service is included in the encounter reimbursement.

For additional COVID-19 information, please see the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) COVID-19 webpage at: https://dhcfp.nv.gov/covid19/. A Member Outreach page is now available with resources related to COVID-19 that providers and partners can distribute to members. The page is available at: https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/CPT/COVID-19/MemberOutreach/

As a reminder, anyone can sign up to receive emails directly from Nevada Medicaid about a variety of topics. ListServs are available for members and providers here.