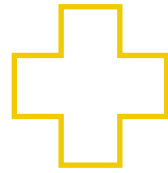


// CMS ACTIONS TO EXPAND SARS-CoV-2 TESTING



WHERE MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES CAN GET TESTED



DOCTOR'S OFFICE, HOSPITAL

- Medicare is separately paying hospitals and practitioners to assess patients and collect laboratory samples for COVID-19 testing even when that is the only service the patient receives. This approach supports both hospitals and physician practices to operate testing sites.
- To ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have broad access to testing, for Medicare payment purposes, Medicare no longer requires an order from the treating physician or other practitioner for beneficiaries to get both COVID-19 testing and laboratory tests for influenza and respiratory syncytial virus that may be part of a COVID-19 diagnosis. COVID-19 tests may be covered when ordered by any healthcare professional authorized to do so under state law.
- Medicare is covering serology (or antibody) tests, which may be helpful for patients, practitioners, and communities in making decisions on medical treatment and responsible social distancing policies.



HOME (INCLUDING NURSING HOMES)

- For beneficiaries who are homebound and unable to travel, Medicare pays labs to send technicians to a beneficiary's home, including a nursing home when a beneficiary is not in a Part A skilled nursing stay, to collect a lab sample.
- A home health nurse could collect a lab sample as part of a normal visit for beneficiaries receiving home health services.
- A visiting nurse working for a Rural Health Clinic or Federally Qualified Health Center and making a home visit can collect a lab sample under certain conditions.



PHARMACY

- Medicare will pay for COVID-19 tests performed by pharmacists as part of a Medicare-enrolled laboratory.
- A pharmacist also may furnish basic clinical services, such as collect lab samples, under contract with a doctor or practitioner, in accordance with a pharmacist's scope of practice and state law.
- Beneficiaries can get tested at "parking lot" test sites operated by pharmacies consistent with state requirements.



DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING OR ALTERNATIVE SITES

- Healthcare facilities like hospitals, doctor's offices, labs can set up off-site locations like drive-through testing to collect samples. Medicare pays these healthcare providers as they normally would.

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LAB SERVICE	MEDICARE PAYMENT	BILLING CODE
CDC RNA Based Lab Test	Approx. \$36	HCPCS code U0001
Non- CDC Lab Test that uses any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets)	Approx. \$51	HCPCS code U0002
Non CDC Lab Test using RNA based technique	Approx. \$51	CPT code 87635
Serology (antibody) test	TBD	CPT code 86328 CPT code 86769
Lab Test Using High Through-Put Technology	\$100 <i>(effective 4/14)</i>	HCPCS code U0003; HCPCS code U0004
Lab Specimen Collection from a Patient	Approx \$23-\$25	HCPCS code C9803 billed by hospital outpatient department HCPCS code 99211 billed by a physician office HCPCS code G2023/G2024 for home/nursing home collection by a lab or on behalf of a home health agency