

Point of Care Testing Association plus BD, Hologic, Qiagen, Quidel, and Roche

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Code(s): 87635, 86328, 86769



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

Public Comment	Rationale
<p>U0003 TIMES 1 (\$100.00) OR if U0003 is not eligible for crosswalk 87502 TIMES 1 (\$95.80) Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); influenza virus, for multiple types or sub-types, includes multiplex reverse transcription, when performed, and multiplex amplified probe technique, first 2 types or subtypes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same test as U0003 but under CPT descriptor rather than HCPCS descriptor • Resources similar especially considering resources required for EUA

86328: Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody, qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

Public Comment	Rationale
<p>86318 TIMES 2.5 (\$45.23) Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody, qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Similar methodology as 86318 ● But substantially greater resources required for EUA ● Consistent with uniform rate set by MACs for 2020

86769: Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

Public Comment	Rationale
<p>86318 TIMES 2.5 (\$45.23) Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody, qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieves parity between 86328 and 86769 for similar services (COVID-19 antibody immunoassay)• Substantially greater resources required for EUA than other antibody tests• Essentially consistent with uniform rate set by MACs for 2020