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Blood Banks, Community Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Independent Labs, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses in Independent Practice, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

REGARDING

ForwardHealth Accepted Procedure Codes From Eligible Providers Who Test Patients for COVID-19

ForwardHealth is able to accept claims with COVID-19 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) laboratory procedure codes from eligible providers who test patients for COVID-19.

Effective for Dates on and After February 4, 2020

Effective for dates of service on and after February 4, 2020, ForwardHealth accepts the following HCPCS codes for COVID-19 testing:

- U0001 (CDC 2019 novel coronavirus [2019-nCoV] real-time RT-PCR diagnostic panel)
- U0002 (2019-nCoV coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV [COVID-19], any technique, multiple types or subtypes [includes all targets], non-CDC)

Effective for Dates on and After March 13, 2020

Effective for dates of service on and after March 13, 2020, ForwardHealth accepts CPT procedure code 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) for COVID-19 testing.

For dates of service through March 31, 2020, ForwardHealth will accept claims with either HCPCS codes U0001 or U0002 or CPT code 87635.

Beginning on dates of service on and after April 1, 2020, providers are expected to bill ForwardHealth with CPT code 87635.

Procedure codes U0001 or U0002 and 87635 must not be billed on the same date of service. Providers should follow CPT or HCPCS guidelines as appropriate.