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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**

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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 of Service on and After October 6, 2020

Effective for dates of service on and after October 6, 2020, ForwardHealth accepts the following CPT codes for COVID-19 testing:

- 0240U (Infectious disease [viral respiratory tract infection], pathogen-specific RNA, 3 targets [severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), influenza A, influenza B], upper respiratory specimen, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected)
- O241U (Infectious disease [viral respiratory tract infection], pathogen-specific RNA, 4 targets
  [severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), influenza A, influenza B,
  respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)], upper respiratory specimen, each pathogen reported as detected
  or not detected)

For all of the above procedure codes, providers should follow CPT or HCPCS guidelines as appropriate. Refer to the ForwardHealth <u>interactive maximum allowable fee schedules</u> for further information.

