

Billing Update: New CPT code for COVID-19 Billing

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Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

We wanted to keep our clients informed of billing updates for COVID-19. The U0002 CPT code that was issued by CMS for dates of service on or after February 1, 2020 and available for claim submission April 1, 2020 is now only going to be used for Medicare.

There is a new CPT code that was issued by the American Medical Association which is 87635. This code is for dates of service on or after March 13, 2020 and available for claim submission beginning April 1, 2020.

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. Use of code 87635 will help the labs to efficiently report and track testing services related to SARS-Cov-2 and will streamline the reporting and reimbursement for this test in the US.

If you have any billing questions please contact Peggy Slagle, manager of billing and coding compliance at 402-559-7283 or pslagle@unmc.edu.

If you have any questions or issues with these changes please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.
