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TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, Outpatient Hospitals, and Laboratories

RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 2: Laboratory Testing Coverage

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed two Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that can be used by laboratories to bill for certain COVID-19 diagnostic tests to help increase testing and track new cases.

Effective for dates of service **March 18, 2020** and forward, laboratory providers must use one of the following HCPCS for the billing of COVID-19 diagnostic tests. Reimbursement for the tests will be set at the Medicare rate and the Laboratory fee schedule will be updated accordingly.

HCPCS	Description	Rate
U0001	2019 Novel Coronavirus Real Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Test Panel – <i>To be used for tests developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)</i>	\$35.91
U0002	2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19) using any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets) – <i>To be used for non-CDC laboratory tests</i>	\$51.31

ICD-10-CM Coding

Providers should follow the CDC ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines to ensure proper coding.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/ICD-10-CM-Official-Coding-Guidance-Interim-Advice-coronavirus-feb-20-2020.pdf>

Other Response Measures to COVID-19

In addition to the changes detailed in this bulletin and previously issued CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletins 1 and 2, the Department of Social Services (DSS) also plans to implement other measures to address the needs of our members and provider community in response to COVID-19.

Additional guidance will be forthcoming related to various topics, such as non-emergency transportation, HUSKY B, and other COVID-19 changes under separate provider bulletins.

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

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