



MEMORANDUM

TO: Valued Preferred Administrators Providers

FROM: Preferred Administrators

DATE: March 27, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Testing Procedure Codes and Waived Requirements

Effective April 1, 2020, the following two procedure codes will be a benefit of Preferred Administrators for dates of service on or after March 20, 2020:

- Procedure code: U0001
(CDC lab testing) Novel coronavirus (2019-ncov) real-time rt-pcr-diagnostic panel
- Procedure code: U0002
(Non- CDC lab testing) 2019-ncov coronavirus,sars-cov-2/2019-ncov (covid-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets)

Waived Requirements for Hospital Admissions related to COVID-19

The following requirements will be waived for in-network facilities when admissions are directly related to COVID-19:

- Prior Authorization
- Notification of hospital admission
- Reviews for medical necessity
- Referral requirement

Please note that COVID-19 services must be consistent with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Contact our Provider Relations Department at 915-532-3778 for any questions regarding this information.

Preferred Administrators members may call our 24-hour FIRSTCall Medical Advice Infoline to speak to professionals regarding health questions.

FIRSTCall Medical Advice Infoline
1-844-549-2826

Preferred Administrators will provide updates as new information is received.