



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Valued Preferred Administrators Providers

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**FROM:** Preferred Administrators

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**DATE:** January 18, 2023

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**RE:** COVID-19 Testing Procedure Codes and Waived Requirements

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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)
- Procedure code: U0003  
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, making use of high throughput technologies
- Procedure code: U0004  
2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies
- Procedure code: U0005  
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, CDC or non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies, completed within 2 calendar days from date of specimen collection (list separately in addition to either HCPCS code U0003 or U0004)



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### **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.