



IHCP COVID-19 Response: Additional HCPCS April 2020 quarterly code updates announced

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has received additional Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code updates and code description revisions from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA). These codes pertain to the detection and diagnosis of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as well as the detection of antibodies to COVID-19.

Table 1 provides a list of new codes, along with code descriptions, program coverage, prior authorization (PA) requirements, National Drug Code (NDC) requirements, any special billing instructions, and reimbursement notes. For reimbursement consideration, covered codes may be billed for dates of service (DOS) on or after the effective date noted in the special billing instructions.

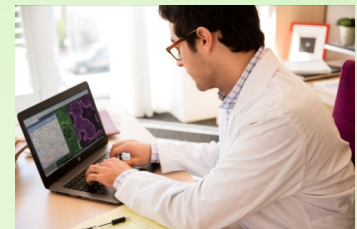


Table 1: Newly released HCPCS procedure codes related to COVID-19

Procedure code	Description	Program coverage*	PA required	NDC required	Special billing instructions	Reimbursement notes
86328	Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (e.g, reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])	Covered and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Planning Eligibility Program • Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Family Planning Only 	No	No	Effective 4/10/2020 Allowed for Podiatrists (provider specialty 140) Copay exempt for all programs, including managed care	<i>Professional Claim:</i> 30% of billed charges <i>Outpatient Claim:</i> Linked to revenue code 300/310; 15% billed charges
86769	Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])	Covered and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Planning Eligibility Program • PE Family Planning Only 	No	No	Effective 4/10/2020 Allowed for Podiatrists (provider specialty 140) Copay exempt for all programs, including managed care	<i>Professional Claim:</i> 30% of billed charges <i>Outpatient Claim:</i> Linked to revenue code 300/310; 15% of billed charges

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Table 1: Newly released HCPCS procedure codes related to COVID-19 (Continued)

Procedure code	Description	Program coverage*	PA required	NDC required	Special billing instructions	Reimbursement notes
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 as described by CMS-2020-01-R	Covered and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Planning Eligibility Program PE Family Planning Only 	No	No	Effective 3/18/2020 Allowed for Podiatrists (provider specialty 140) Copay exempt for all programs, including managed care	<i>Professional Claim:</i> Max Fee \$100 <i>Outpatient Claim:</i> Linked to revenue code 300/310
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 as described by CMS-2020-01-R	Covered and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Planning Eligibility Program PE Family Planning Only 	No	No	Effective 3/18/2020 Allowed for Podiatrists (provider specialty 140) Copay exempt for all programs, including managed care	<i>Professional Claim:</i> Max Fee \$100 <i>Outpatient Claim:</i> Linked to revenue code 300/310

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Coverage information for these codes will be reflected in the next regular update to the [IHCP Fee Schedules](#), as appropriate. The *Family Planning Eligibility Program Codes* and *Podiatry Services Codes*, available from the [Code Sets](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers, will also be updated.

The April 2020 HCPCS code updates are available for download from the [CMS website](#) at cms.gov. For more information on the code revisions, see the [COVID-19 coding and guidance](#) page at ama-assn.org.

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