



Nonprofit corporations and independent licensees
of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Services that result in a COVID-19 test and the CS modifier

For Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus BlueSM,
Blue Care Network commercial and BCN AdvantageSM

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The CS modifier identifies that the services resulted in a COVID-19 test and are subject to the member cost-sharing waiver during the public health emergency. Follow these guidelines for billing the CS modifier for COVID-19 testing.

- **Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members:** Follow [guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#).**
- **Blue Cross commercial and Blue Care Network commercial members:**
 - **March 1, 2020 to Aug. 31, 2022:** Include the CS modifier on all claims that resulted in a COVID-19 test.
 - **Beginning with dates of service on or after Sept. 1, 2022:** Limit the use of the CS modifier to the codes listed in the chart below. The procedure code may not be eligible for the member cost-sharing waiver if billed with a diagnosis code that indicates the service was administrative or routine, such as an examination for an employer, school, sports team or research study. Always check member eligibility and benefits.

Use the CS modifier with these procedure codes for Blue Cross and BCN commercial for dates of service on or after Sept. 1, 2022									
*98966	*98967	*98968	*98970	*98971	*98972	*99091	*99202	*99203	*99204
*99205	*99211	*99212	*99213	*99214	*99215	*99217	*99218	*99219	*99220
*99221	*99222	*99223	*99224	*99225	*99226	*99231	*99232	*99233	*99238
*99239	*99281	*99282	*99283	*99284	*99285	*99291	*99292	*99304	*99305
*99306	*99307	*99308	*99309	*99310	*99315	*99316	*99318	*99324	*99325
*99326	*99327	*99328	*99334	*99335	*99336	*99337	*99341	*99342	*99343
*99344	*99345	*99347	*99348	*99349	*99350	*99354	*99355	*99356	*99357
*99358 ²	*99359 ²	*99406	*99407	*99421	*99422	*99423	*99441	*99442	*99443
*99446	*99447	*99448	*99449	*99451	*99452	*99453	*99454	*99457	*99458
*99460	*99461 ¹	*99462	*99463	*99464	*99465	*99466	*99467	*99468	*99469
*99471	*99472	*99473	*99474	*99475	*99476	*99477	*99478	*99479	*99480
*99483	*99484	*99487	*99489	*99490 ²	*99491 ²	*99492	*99493	*99494	*99495
*99496	*99497	*99498	*99499	G0245	G0246	G0247	G0248	G0249	G0250
G0268	G0296	G0372 ²	G0406 ²	G0407 ²	G0408 ²	G0420	G0421	G0425	G0426
G0427	G0508	G0509	G0513 ²	G0514 ²	G2010 ²	G2012 ²	G2250	G2251	G2252
Q3014	S9083 ³								



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None of the information included herein is intended to be legal advice and as such it remains the provider's responsibility to ensure that all coding and documentation are done in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

¹Not payable for patients with Blue Cross Commercial coverage.

²Not payable for patients with BCN Commercial coverage.

³This code waives cost share when billed with a CS modifier for patients with BCN and BCN Advantage coverage receiving services from a provider contracted by BCN to bill with this code.

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