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- **CS modifier:** Include the CS modifier on all COVID-19 testing claims lines. While the use of this modifier isn't required, it will help to identify the testing service as being subject to the member cost-sharing waiver.
- **Testing or treatment that occurs as part of a research study:** Testing or treatment that occurs as part of a research study should not be billed to Blue Cross or BCN. The costs of research should be covered by the investigator.
- **New HCPCS code for specimen collection for COVID-19 testing:** You can now bill HCPCS code C9803 for specimen collection for COVID-19 testing in hospital outpatient settings.
 - **For Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO and BCN AdvantageSM members:** For claims submitted on or after May 1, 2020, you must bill C9803 for specimen collection for COVID-19 testing in a hospital outpatient setting. If you submit claims with code G2023 on or after May 1 for Medicare Advantage members, these claims will be returned with edit W7062; you'll need to resubmit the claims with code C9803.
 - **For Blue Cross' PPO and BCN HMOSM members:** You can continue to submit claims with code G2023 for specimen collection in a hospital outpatient setting. You now have the option of billing code C9803.

We updated one or both of the following documents to reflect these changes:

- [COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians](#)
- *Billing recommendations for COVID-19 testing, including drive through*

You can find the documents referenced below on our public website at bcbsm.com/coronavirus and through Provider Secured Services.