

Temporary inpatient DRG enhancement requires positive COVID-19 lab tests effective Sept. 1 and after

CMS has issued guidance indicating that claims eligible for the temporary inpatient 20% diagnosis-related group enhancement during the public health emergency require positive COVID-19 laboratory tests documented in the patient's medical record. This is effective for admissions on or after Sept. 1, 2020. When reviewing provider claims, Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO and BCN AdvantageSM will follow the CMS guidance referenced in MLN Matters[®] article SE20015 updated Aug. 17, 2020.