

## Additional information about COVID-19 testing coverage

We've told you previously that Blue Cross and BCN cover COVID-19 testing that is medically necessary and ordered by an attending health care provider while meeting the COVID-19 testing criteria outlined in our *COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians* document.

We also want to remind you that Blue Cross and BCN's standard policy does not cover the cost of workplace or occupational screening tests if not documented as medically necessary by the ordering provider. In keeping with the policy, below are some examples of **noncovered** COVID-19 testing:

- Testing that is required by an employer or school
- Testing requested by asymptomatic patients (unless the provider documents medical necessity because the patient has been exposed to a COVID-19-infected individual)
- Testing that occurs as part of a research study

Blue Cross and BCN may audit to ensure that only medically necessary testing claims are billed. Claims may be denied for testing that is not medically necessary beginning Aug. 1, 2020.

In addition, we have included several additional testing codes in the *COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians* document, including \*0100U, \*87426, \*0223U and \*0224U.

You can find the *COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians* document on our public website at [bcbsm.com/coronavirus](http://bcbsm.com/coronavirus) and through Provider Secured Services.

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