

We've updated our COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians

We've updated the *COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians* document with the following changes:

- **0202U* code added:** A new CPT code for proprietary laboratory analysis is covered for dates of service on or after May 20, 2020.
- **Coverage criteria clarified:** We previously told you that tests must be ordered by an attending health care provider. We have clarified that an attending health care provider includes a physician or attending clinician operating within the scope of their license, including a pharmacist.

In addition to the requirement to document the necessity for the test in the patient's medical record, we also clarify that the attending health care provider must have the resources available to act on any results from the test, whether the results are positive or negative. Testing must also not be used as an inducement or incentive to the patient.

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

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