Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan

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Billing recommendations for COVID-19 drive-through testing

For Blue Cross' PPO (commercial) and BCN HMO℠ (commercial) members

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Place of service	Evaluation and management	Obtaining the sample	Laboratory testing
Doctor's office / Professional outpatient / Non-facility urgent care / Drive-through testing by professional providers	Bill appropriate evaluation and management code. Use Dx Z20.828 when visit leads to COVID-19 testing.	Bill *99000 for specimen collection for COVID-19 testing. Use Dx Z20.828.	N/A for COVID-19 For other viral testing needed to determine if COVID-19 testing is needed, use Dx Z20.828.
Facility / Hospital outpatient / Facility drive-through testing	Bill appropriate evaluation and management code. Use Dx Z20.828. With ED triage prior to testing, report *99281 and location 23	Bill *99001 for specimen collection for COVID-19. Use Dx Z20.828 and the lab revenue code 0309.	For COVID-19 testing, bill U0001, U0002 or *87635, as appropriate. For other viral testing needed to determine if COVID-19 testing is needed, use Dx Z20.828.
Facility urgent care / Drive-through testing through facility urgent care center	Bill appropriate evaluation and management service with Dx Z20.828 when visit leads to COVID-19 testing.	Bill *99001 for specimen collection for COVID-19. Use Dx Z20.828.	Bill *99001 for specimen collection for COVID-19. Use Dx Z20.828.
Walk-in retail health clinic / Drive-through services performed by walk-in retail health clinic	Bill appropriate low-level evaluation and management code. Use Dx Z20.828 when visit leads to COVID-19 testing.	Bill *99000 for specimen collection for COVID-19 testing. Use Dx Z20.828.	N/A
Facility mobile unit	Bill appropriate low-level evaluation and management code with Dx Z20.828 when visit leads to COVID-19 testing.	Bill *99001 for specimen collection for COVID-19. Use Dx Z20.828.	Bill *99001 for specimen collection for COVID-19. Use Dx Z20.828.

Note: Don't report *99000 or *99001 with Z20.828 for any other service.

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