COVID-19 testing for pharmacies

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

August 2020

In accordance with guidance issued April 8, 2020 by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Service** and Executive Order 2020-104 issued by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer** and until further notice, pharmacies that participate in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network Vaccine Affiliation Program can bill Blue Cross or BCN for COVID-19 testing services for patients with Blue Cross’ PPO (commercial) or BCN HMO℠ (commercial) coverage.

As new COVID-19 tests are developed and approved by all applicable state and federal guidelines, we will update the following list of billable testing codes:

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<td>*0224U</td>
<td>Antibody SARS-CoV-2 COVID-19 includes titers</td>
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<td>Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody</td>
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<td>Antibody SARS-COV-2 /COVID-19</td>
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<td>Corona Virus Antigen Immunoassay</td>
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The following COVID-19 diagnostic test administration and specimen collection codes may apply: *99000, *99001, G2023 or G2024.

Blue Cross and BCN are making it easier for members to get COVID-19 diagnostic and antibody tests by giving them more options on where they can be tested when:

- It’s medically necessary
- The test is ordered by an attending health care provider
The provider can be a licensed physician, pharmacist or attending clinician operating within the scope of their license. The provider must:

- Determine testing is medically necessary, using judgment in accordance with accepted standards of medical practice — such as testing individuals with symptoms or those at higher risk because of exposure
- Ensure the test has received or is waiting to receive approval for use (including emergency use) by the Food and Drug Administration, all applicable state and federal safety guidelines are met and report test results to the appropriate agencies
- Maintain documentation to support coverage and medical necessity, which may be audited by Blue Cross, BCN or a governmental agency
- Submit the results of COVID-19 laboratory tests (positive or negative) to the Michigan Health Information Network (MIHIN) within three days of completion of the test.

Blue Cross and BCN will **not** cover the cost of workplace or occupational screening COVID-19 tests. As part of our standard policy, we don’t cover testing for return-to-work strategies, similar to how we don’t cover drug testing for employment purposes.

**Billing for COVID-19 patient testing**

Pharmacies in the Vaccine Affiliation Program can submit medical claims to Blue Cross or BCN for COVID-19 tests.

Pharmacies that are not part of the Vaccine Affiliation Program and administer COVID-19 tests should collect payment from members and advise members to submit the receipt with a claim form to Blue Cross or BCN for reimbursement of test costs. Members can get a claim form at [bcbsm.com](http://bcbsm.com) or may call the number on the back of their ID cards.

If you are a Michigan pharmacy not participating in the Vaccine Affiliation Program you can sign-up at [bcbsm.com](http://bcbsm.com):

1. Go to [bcbsm.com/providers](http://bcbsm.com/providers).
2. Under “Join our network”, click on **Enroll to become a provider**.
3. Scroll down to step 3 and click on **Enroll now**.
4. Click the button next to Physicians and Professionals; then click Next.
5. Click the button next to Enroll a new provider; then click Next.
6. Under “Allied Providers”, click the button next to Vaccine Pharmacy; then click Next.
7. Complete and return the documents on this page.
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For more information, visit bcbsm.com/coronavirus or log into Provider Secured Services and click on Coronavirus (COVID-19) where you can reference:

- Billing recommendations for COVID-19 testing, including drive through
- COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians

If you have questions, please call Provider Inquiry at 1-800-344-8525. To reach a customer service representative call between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday,

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