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RE: Coronavirus – Updated: Laboratory Diagnostic Testing for COVID-19

Providers,

Empower will be following the DMS guidelines regarding Laboratory Diagnostic Testing for COVID-19. To ensure access to COVID-19 testing, Medicaid is exempting these screens from the \$500.00 limit on laboratory and x-ray services for beneficiaries over 21 years of age and from requiring a PCP referral.

The below code will be retroactive to dates of service June 25, 2020.

Code	Short Description	Fee
87426	Coronavirus AG IA Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (eg, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19])	\$45.23

To see the DMS memorandum click here:

https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/resources/Memorandum_DMS-03A-2_%28Lab_tests%29.revised_87462_AR_8_4.2020_edits_.pdf

Our focus remains on supporting our providers, customers and members during the declared state of emergency. Because of the fluid nature of the situation, we will continue to adjust our policies and procedures accordingly and provide updates to you as changes occur.

To see a complete summary of Empower Coronavirus Provider Alerts and if codes are ready to bill click here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UhNQiFWv1dqq6C74x5tw5U2zMt1euaNlk2zAO2vxl_Y/edit?usp=sharing

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Thank you,

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