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**Point of Care COVID-19 Testing: Pharmacy Guidance**

Per the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-215, “the practice of pharmacy” shall also include the initiating, ordering, and administering of COVID-19 tests under the following conditions:

- a. The pharmacist has received the appropriate education and training on COVID-19 testing;
- b. The ordering and administering of COVID-19 tests are performed at a pharmacy which holds an active CLIA certification of waiver, if such waiver is required by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and/or the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS);
- c. The ordering and administering of COVID-19 tests are performed according to testing priorities set forth by the Kentucky Department for Public Health(DPH);
- d. The pharmacist orders and administers COVID-19 tests, including serology tests, authorized by the US Food and Drug Administration; and
- e. Policies and procedures are in place to address collection, storage, and transport of samples as appropriate to testing performed

The following guidance is effective beginning August 6, 2020 for all point of care COVID-19 testing.

***FFS BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:***

- Pharmacies must enroll as a DME provider
- Pharmacies must enroll with the Kentucky Office of the Inspector General Division of Health Care to process their CLIA applications. Additional information can be found [here](#).
- Pharmacies can bill under the medical benefit using their existing NPI on a CMS 1500 or 837 P electronic form
- For pharmacies without a medical provider to issue a protocol, a standing order for all Medicaid beneficiaries is available on the DMS Pharmacy webpage

Code	Description	Reimbursement
U0002	2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCov (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes(includes all targets), non-CDC	\$51.31
87635	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique.	\$51.33

### ***MCO BILLING INSTRUCTIONS***

Any pharmacy which is licensed as a DME provider and is interested in contracting with a Kentucky MCO to provide DME, including COVID-19 testing, should contact the MCO at the below contact to indicate their interest in becoming a provider. MCOs will be sending additional information regarding enrollment.

<b>Managed Care Organization</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Aetna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dawn Powell at <a href="mailto:PowellD4@aetna.com">PowellD4@aetna.com</a></li><li>• Andrew Woodrum at <a href="mailto:WoodrumB@aetna.com">WoodrumB@aetna.com</a></li></ul>
Anthem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deb Szatalowicz 678-587-7150 <a href="mailto:Deb.Szatalowicz@anthem.com">Deb.Szatalowicz@anthem.com</a></li></ul>
Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call (502)-242-4931 or visit <a href="https://passporthealthplan.com/providers/join-provider-network/">https://passporthealthplan.com/providers/join-provider-network/</a></li></ul>
Humana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="mailto:nationalancillarycontracting@humana.com">nationalancillarycontracting@humana.com</a></li></ul>
WellCare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="mailto:SM_Network_Management_Kentucky@wellcare.com">SM_Network_Management_Kentucky@wellcare.com</a></li></ul>

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

<b><i>TESTING SUPPLIES</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pharmacy obtains point-of-care testing machine and testing cassettes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ These tests that can be administered in a CLIA waived setting, found <a href="#">here</a> on the FDA website</li><li>○ Point-of-care identified as a test with a “W” under “Authorized Settings,” will be allowed during the state of emergency</li></ul></li><li>• Pharmacy has obtained specimen collection kits</li><li>• Pharmacy employees have received training on testing machine</li></ul>
<b><i>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">CDC Infection Control Guidance for Healthcare Professional about COVID-19</a> has been reviewed</li><li>• <a href="#">CDC Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimen from Persons for COVID-19 Interim Guidelines</a> have been reviewed</li><li>• Pharmacy obtains adequate PPE for staff and patients being tested</li><li>• All pharmacy employees have been trained on minimum storage, disposal/recycling, and use of PPE including fit testing prior to using N-95 respirators</li></ul>
<b><i>SPECIMEN COLLECTION</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">CDC Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimen from Persons for COVID-19 Interim Guidelines</a> have been reviewed</li><li>• Pharmacy has reviewed manufacturer instructions</li><li>• Pharmacy employees are trained on the type of specimen collection</li><li>• Policies and procedures are in place to address collection, storage and transport of samples<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Collection is encouraged to take place outside in order to minimize exposure to others in the pharmacy</li></ul></li><li>• Pharmacy has identified a proper method of disposal of specimens and any PPE that may have been in contact with patient</li></ul>
<b><i>TESTING PRIORITIES</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Testing and or collection site pharmacies should enroll with Kentucky DPH <a href="#">here</a> to be added to the Kentucky COVID-19 testing facility list</li></ul>
<b><i>COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">CDC Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19</a> has been reviewed</li></ul>

- Pharmacies develop policies and procedures for reporting results to the patient and the patient's primary care provider including test results and a follow up plan within the same day
- Pharmacy has the responsibility to inform the patient of results conducted at point-of-care
- Pharmacy must report all positive COVID-19 tests, regardless of result, to the Kentucky Department for Public Health via the [Person Under Investigation \(PUI\) Report](#) form
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