



Alert: COVID-19 Related Billing & Reimbursement CPT Code 87635

Zotec Partners is closely monitoring the regulations that are being developed regarding billing and reimbursement of those patients being tested/treated for COVID-19. A new laboratory CPT code has been created to report the testing for COVID-19.

CPT code 87635 (infectious agent detection by nucleic acid [RNA or DNA], acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, amplified probe technique) is to be used to report laboratory testing services that diagnose the presence of the novel coronavirus.

- Based on announcements made by American Health Insurance Plans association (AHIP), health plans will waive patient cost sharing when CPT 87635 is reported.
- The health plans have not said that they would be waiving cost sharing for COVID-19 ruling out and/or treatment of the virus.

Laboratory codes are not usually captured when reporting the professional services in the Emergency Department.

- At this time, anything other than testing would be reported using our regular E/M and CPT procedure codes.
- The plans are not waiving cost-sharing for treatment so this would mean to bill according to the payor guidelines and the claims will be adjudicated in the same manner.

Action Item:

Please notify your designated Client Service Manager if your hospital is requesting a special policy to be applied for coding and/or billing for these patients being tested or treated for COVID-19.

Due to the fluidity of this current state, these regulations may change. As Zotec Partners receives updated information, we will let the clients know immediately. Zotec Partners' focus, dedication, and support for your practice are unwavering as we navigate these unique times. We hope you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy.