

COVID-19 Lab Testing Coding and Reimbursement Information from Amerigroup Community Care

In response to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak, Amerigroup is here to support you and provide timely information regarding appropriate coding and reimbursement.

Amerigroup is complying with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) coding guidelines for COVID-19 lab testing. CMS adopted two HCPCS codes (U0001 and U0002) for COVID-19 testing. Amerigroup will accept and reimburse CPT code 87635 and HCPCS Level II codes U0001 and U0002 for the COVID-19 testing.

Effective immediately, Amerigroup will align with CMS coding and reimbursement as follows:

Code	Rate	Code description	Labs
U0001	\$35.91	Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel (for test performed by CDC lab)	CDC or CDC-approved local/state health department lab
U0002	\$51.31	nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC (for test performed by other labs)	Non-CDC labs (e.g., outpatient hospital lab, independent labs, etc.)
87635	\$51.31	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	Non-CDC labs (e.g., outpatient hospital lab, independent labs, etc.)

For more information about the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit the CDC and WHO websites, respectively:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>
- <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>