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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Coronavirus Diagnosis Codes and Laboratory Testing

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is committed to ensuring that Medicaid recipients diagnosed with the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) receive all the care needed to address their symptoms. **Florida Medicaid will cover all medically necessary services required to facilitate testing and treatment of COVID-19.** The purpose of this alert is to provide guidance related to claims coding and laboratory testing.

Diagnosis Codes

Please refer to the diagnosis coding guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These guidelines can be found here: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/ICD-10-CM-Official-Coding-Gudance-Interim-Advice-coronavirus-feb-20-2020.pdf.

Following the CDC coding guidelines will assist the Agency in tracking cases involving Medicaid recipients and will also facilitate prompt payment if certain exceptions are needed to pay the claims (e.g., exceeding service limits, etc.).

Laboratory Testing to Confirm COVID-19 Diagnosis

The Florida Department of Health (Department) is covering all laboratory testing for confirmation of the COVID-19 diagnosis through their state laboratories. There is no cost to providers for the laboratory test.

- Providers should work with their local County Health Department for submission of lab specimens to the closest state laboratory for testing, according to the Department's criteria for at risk individuals only.

For Florida Medicaid recipients, the Agency covers the physician visit where the specimen is collected. The Agency will provide more information as it becomes available.

For more information, visit the Department's COVID-19 website: www.flhealth.gov/COVID-19.

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