



Provider communication

General information and system updates

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COVID-19 Post PHE Notice

Applicable to: Mercy Care Complete Care, Mercy Care DD, Mercy Care ACC-RBHA, Mercy Care Long Term Care, Mercy Care DCS CHP and Mercy Care Advantage

AHCCCS has released a few recent updates around the COVID-19 Post Public Health Emergency.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Billing Guidelines

There are **new rates for COVID Vaccines and Administrations** with dates of service 05/12/2023. Rates will be reduced from \$83.00 to \$40.57. Please click on the link to review further.

CR modifier and DR Condition Code

Regarding COVID-19 Emergency Related "CR" modifier - Catastrophe/Disaster, the CR modifier must not be reported with any codes starting with dates of service May 12, 2023, and after. The CR modifier was only allowed during the PHE as related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **DR condition code** must not be reported on any codes effective with dates of service May 12, 2023, and after. The DR condition code was applicable to inpatient stays for which a member had received a COVID-19 diagnosis.

Code Coverage Changes

The following codes have been closed by CMS and are not allowed for reporting for all providers and facilities. They will show as coverage 04 with dates of service effective May 12, 2023. Any claims with date of service of May 12, 2023, and after will receive the appropriate denial.

- **G2023** - Specimen collection for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), any specimen source.
- **G2024** - Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-COV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) from an individual in a SNF or by a laboratory on behalf of a HHA, any specimen source.

- **U0003** - 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, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R.
- **U0004** - 2019-nCoV coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R.
- **U0005** - 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, CDC or non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies, completed within 2 calendar days from date of specimen collection (list separately in addition to either HCPCS code U0003 or U0004) as described by CMS-2020-01-R2.

Please [click on the link](#) to view important information from AHCCCS regarding these codes.

COVID-19 Post PHE Notifications

Please continue to read the AHCCCS published post COVID updates on the main AHCCCS webpage.

This page will have the most up to date information on changes being implemented. Please click on the link to view important information from AHCCCS regarding this change. The links are following:

- [Public Health Alerts and Resources](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Telehealth Code Set updated 01/01/2023

Please [click on the link](#) to review AHCCCS changes regarding telehealth.

If you have any questions regarding the above, you may contact your Mercy Care [Network Management Representative](#). You can find this [Notice](#) and all other provider notices on our Mercy Care website.

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