

Delaware State Medicaid Policies Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Delaware Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance is coordinating with federal and local partners to respond to COVID-19 as information becomes available. The latest Delaware specific information can be found at <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/epi/2019novelcoronavirus.html>

Eligibility: The following changes are being taken to ensure continued coverage during the public health emergency.

1. **Renewals:** Effective immediately all renewals are suspended to avoid lapses in coverage for DMMA beneficiaries.
2. **Childrens Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Premiums:** Effective immediately all premiums for the CHIP program (Delaware Healthy Children Program) are waived to expand access to coverage for children in families who are otherwise eligible for the CHIP program.

Coverage and Copays: Delaware Medicaid covers services including testing , physician, clinic, and emergency visits without copays for members.

Coding for COVID-19 Testing: Delaware Medicaid will add Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes as they become available. In February 2020, CMS developed the first HCPCS code (U0001) to bill for tests and track new cases of the virus. This code is used specifically for CDC testing laboratories to test patients for COVID-19. The second HCPCS billing code (U0002) allows laboratories to bill for non-CDC laboratory tests for COVID-19. This second HCPCS code should be used for tests developed by these additional laboratories when submitting claims to Medicaid.

Providers should follow CDC ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines when selecting a diagnosis code to ensure proper reporting.

Additional guidance can be found in **Attachment 1**.

Pharmacy: Delaware Medicaid has relaxed early refill limits for prescriptions. Additionally, quantity limits have been lifted for respiratory acute treatment drugs.

Telehealth: To the extent it is practical, DMMA encourages the use of telehealth to provide COVID-19 related services to Medicaid members. In accordance with the Governor's amended Executive Order, CMS guidance for Medicaid telehealth services, and the Office for Civil Rights Notification of Enforcement Discretion for telehealth remote applications, DMMA is revising telehealth policies to remove barriers created by requirements that patients present in-person before telehealth services may be provided and allow out of state healthcare providers to provide services if they hold an active license in another jurisdiction. DMMA will also expand allowable interfaces. ***(Additional guidance regarding telehealth is under review and will be issued shortly)***

Emergency Medical Benefit: DMMA has determined that the Medicaid Emergency Benefit for non-citizens includes emergency services related to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Provider Enrollment, Prior Authorizations, and Fair Hearings: DMMA is currently in the process of developing a Section 1135 Waiver application that will include requests to waive requirements in these and other policy areas to address potential workforce issues and ensure continued coverage of our members. We will issue additional guidance as it becomes available.

Resources:

Delaware Division of Public Health Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/epi/2019novelcoronavirus.html>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Resource Page

<https://www.medicare.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/covid19/index.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_964-DM18080&deliveryName=USCDC_289-DM21087

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Attachment 1: HCPCS Codes for COVID-19 Testing**

DMAP announces new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for COVID-19 testing. Providers can submit claims for COVID-19 testing for services performed on or after February 4, 2020.

Codes and Descriptions:

U0001 – This code is for use by CDC testing laboratories only.

- Short Descriptor: 2019 –nCoV diagnostic P
- Long Descriptor: CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel
- Type of Service (TOS): 5

U0002 – This code is for use by Non-CDC laboratories.

- Short Descriptor: COVID-19 lab test non-CDC
- Long Descriptor: 2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC
- TOS: 5

DMAP payment for HCPCS code U0001 is \$35.20 and payment for U0002 is \$50.30.

Note: DMAP does not accept billing for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 87635.