

ALERT

May 29, 2020

<<<NOTE: This ALERT is a follow-up to the ALERTs dated March 13, 2020 and May 12, 2020>>>

TO: Physicians, FQHCs, RHCs, Independent Labs, Hospitals, and ADPH

RE: Additional Laboratory Testing for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As Medicaid continues to monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Alabama, we are including additional testing procedure codes for coverage.

- 86328 Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (e.g., reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]).
- 86769 Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]).

Providers may begin submitting claims on June 1, 2020, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020.

During the COVID-19 emergency, it is important to file claims as quickly as possible to ensure payment from Medicaid is made to Medicaid providers close to the date of service. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has increased the federal matching percentage for the emergency time frame, but states can only receive the increased match on claims that are paid during the emergency.

If you have questions, please visit the Medicaid website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov, or call the Medicaid Fiscal Agent at 1-800-688-7989.

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