FHA is working closely with our state and federal partners on response to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). We distribute comprehensive updates at least twice weekly and are sending specific resources to select groups based on relevant topics and new resources.

Listed below are the most recent COVID-19 billing and coding guidance and resources. Additional information will be sent as it is received.

**ALL PAYERS**

1. CMS developed two HCPCS codes to be used by laboratories to bill for laboratory tests for COVID-19.
   
   a. 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 SARS-CoV-2.

   b. The second HCPCS billing code (U0002) allows laboratories to bill for non-CDC laboratory tests for SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19). On Feb. 29, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a new, streamlined policy for certain laboratories to develop their own validated COVID-19 diagnostics — this second code may be used for tests developed by these additional laboratories when submitting claims to Medicare or health insurers.

   c. The Medicare claims processing systems will be able to accept these codes starting on April 1, 2020, for dates of service on or after Feb. 4, 2020.

2. CDC ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines Supplement Coding Encounters Related to COVID-19
   Provides the official diagnosis coding guidance for health care encounters and deaths.

**MEDICAID**

1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Fact Sheet on Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plans (CHIP)
2. **Agency for Health Care Administration Medicaid Health Care Alert, March 9, 2020**  
Coverage of Diagnosis Codes and Laboratory Testing for COVID-19

**MEDICARE**

1. [CMS Fact Sheet on Medicare Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19](#)
2. [CMS Issues FAQs to Assist Medicare Providers](#)

**COMMERCIAL and AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HEALTH PLANS**

1. **IRS: High-Deductible Health Plans Can Cover Coronavirus Costs**  
The Internal Revenue Service today advised that high-deductible health plans (HDHPs) can pay for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)-related testing and treatment, without jeopardizing their status. This also means that an individual with an HDHP that covers these costs may continue to contribute to a health savings account (HSA). View additional information [online](#).

2. **Office of Insurance Regulation Informational Memorandum OIR-20-1M, March 6, 2020**  
Addresses testing and coverage for COVID-19 and notes that emergency care is covered at the in-network rate and consumers incur no greater out-of-pocket costs for emergency services than they would have incurred if treated in-network.

3. [Florida Blue](#) is waiving copays and deductibles for testing potential COVID-19 patients (meeting the screening criteria), lifting prescription refill limitations and encouraging members to use virtual care. View the press release [online](#).

4. [CMS Guidance on Individual and Small Group Market Insurance Coverage](#)