

RCM COVID-19 Testing Billing Guidelines

Source	AMA Scenarios Link			
Scenario #	Scenario Description	Collection	CPT Code	Diagnosis
Antibody Testing				
19	Patient comes to office for E&M Sample taken in office and test is performed in the office	Included in E&M	86328	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code all relevant diagnosis and add the appropriate COVID code • Asymptomatic, no known exposure, results unknown or negative Z11.59 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with COVID-19, Suspected exposure Z20.828 • U07.1- COVID-19
20	Patient comes to office for E/M visit, sample taken for COVID-19 antibody test, sample sent to laboratory (lab not performed in physician's office)	36415- see payer specific codes below	86328 or 86769 billed by Lab performing test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code all relevant diagnosis and add the appropriate COVID code • Asymptomatic, no known exposure, results unknown or negative Z11.59 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with COVID-19, Suspected exposure Z20.828 • U07.1- COVID-20

Payer	Link to policy	Z03.818	Z20.828	Specimen Collection CPT	Cost Sharing Modifier	Additional Notes
Aetna	Coding Guidelines	Y	Y	99211	CS	Specimen Collection Code can only be billed if no E/M code has been billed.
BCBS	Coding Guidelines	Y	Y	G2023	CS	
Cigna	Coding Guidelines	Y	Y	G2023	CS	
UHC	Coding Guidelines	Y	Y	G2023 or 99211	CS	
Medicare	Coding Guidelines	Y	Y	99211	CS	

[Link to Official Guide from AMA](#)

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Reimbursement

Expected Reimbursement						
Code	Description	Aetna	BCBS	Cigna	United	Average
86769	Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	\$42.13	\$42.13	\$42.13	\$21.07	\$36.87
87426	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique	\$45.13	\$51.31	-	\$27.14	\$41.19
87634	RSV DNA/RNA AMP Probe	\$43.67	-	\$43.47	\$43.33	\$43.49
87635	SARS-COV-2 COVID-19 AMP Probe	\$51.31	\$51.31	\$51.31	\$25.66	\$44.90

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