

As the world faces COVID-19 pandemic, GMP Network is proud to have contractual relationships with health plans offering support to our provider community and Michigan residents. Efforts supporting the COVID-19 pandemic includes waving co-pays for in-person and virtual visits relating to the virus, fully covering COVID-19 testing, allowing early prescription refills for 90-day supply and in some cases organizing a concierge line to answer COVID-19 related questions. We encourage you to visit each respective health plan website to obtain the most up to date information regarding this matter. In addition, GMP Network will include information from the respective health plans in our weekly newsletter.

Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

GMP Network is announcing that the *Physician Group Incentive Plan (PGIP) through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan* has created an incentive to support physician practices actively screening patients using the recommended guidelines and when appropriate testing patients for COVID-19. In addition, the incentive is intended to reward practices for establishing a standardized process for conducting screenings and testing. The incentive is effective April 3, 2020.

Practices demonstrating all capabilities outlined in this document (with attestation from their PO) and have tested at least one patient will be **awarded \$1000** for their efforts. In addition, practices will be **awarded \$100 per day** for completing COVID-19 testing for patient(s) meeting the high-risk criteria.

COVID-19 New capability requirements include:

- **Establish procedures for testing high risk patients and regularly review and update based on current guidelines**
- **Maintain documentation in clinical record of testing related decision making**
- **Perform testing on all patients who meet established high-risk criteria**
- **Collect samples based on recommended guidelines**
- **POs and practices have established process for communicating about guidelines**

Once a practice provides written documentation to support the above said capability requirements **and** tested one high risk patient for COVID-19, GMP Network will submit an attestation on its behalf to PGIP. In addition, each day high risk patients are tested for COVID-19, we kindly ask the practice to submit a completed COVID-19 Attestation via secure upload through our website www.gmpnetwork.org.

To learn more about this incentive, please contact your practice coordinator or Orchid Beatty (obeatty@gmpnetwork.org).

What to bill?

The **AMA** recently created a new CPT code for COVID-19 testing. The CPT code is **87635- "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."**

The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** developed two HCPCS codes (**U0001**) to bill for tests and track new cases of the virus. The first code is used specifically for CDC testing laboratories to test patients for SARS-CoV-2. The second HCPCS billing code (**U0002**) allows laboratories to bill for non-CDC laboratory tests for SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19).