

Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) COVID-19 Test Pricing March 12, 2020

On March 5 and February 13, CMS announced new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for healthcare providers and laboratories to test patients for SARS-CoV-2. Starting in April, laboratories performing the test can bill Medicare and other health insurers for services that occurred after February 4, 2020, using the newly created HCPCS code (U0001). This code is only to be used for the tests developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Laboratories performing non-CDC laboratory tests for SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19) can bill for them using a different HCPCS code (U0002).

Local Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) are responsible for developing the payment amount for claims they receive for these newly created HCPCS codes in their respective jurisdictions until Medicare establishes national payment rates. The payment amounts are identified below. As with other laboratory tests, there is generally no beneficiary cost sharing under Original Medicare.

MAC Jurisdiction (J)	MAC States/Territories	U0001 Test Price	U0002 Test Price
J6 – National Government Services (NGS)	Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin	\$35.91	\$51.31
JK – National Government Services (NGS)	Connecticut, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	\$35.91	\$51.31
JH – Novitas Solutions	Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas Louisiana, Mississippi	\$35.92	\$51.33
JL – Novitas Solutions	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania; Part B services include Arlington and Fairfax counties in VA, and the city of Alexandria, VA	\$35.92	\$51.33
JN – First Coast Service Options (FCSO)	Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands	\$35.92	\$51.33
JJ–Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators (PGBA)	Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee	\$35.91	\$51.31

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JM–Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators (PGBA)	North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia	\$35.91	\$51.31
JE – Noridian Healthcare Solutions	California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands	\$35.91	\$51.31
JF – Noridian Healthcare Solutions	Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming	\$35.91	\$51.31
J5 – Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS)	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska	\$35.92	\$51.31
J8 – Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS)	Indiana, Michigan	\$35.92	\$51.31
J15 – CGS	Kentucky, Ohio	\$35.92	\$51.31