

All MCOs: Updated COVID-19 Lab Procedure Codes Eligible for Reimbursement to Pharmacists & Pharmacy Providers

Background:

Effective April 13, 2021, some COVID-19 laboratory procedure codes were updated to become benefits eligible for reimbursement through the medical claims system for pharmacists and pharmacy providers when services are rendered to a Texas Medicaid client in an office setting (including the pharmacy).

For pharmacists and pharmacy providers who provide these services, pharmacies are considered office settings.

Key Details:

The COVID-19 laboratory procedure codes listed in the following table are applicable for pharmacists and pharmacy providers when services are rendered in an office setting:

Procedure Codes					
86318	86328	86408	86409	86413	86769
87426	87428	87635	87636	87637	87811
U0001	U0002	U0003	U0004	U0005	

Denied claims with dates of service on or after April 13, 2021, must be automatically reprocessed for appropriate payment no later than June 12, 2021, and providers may receive an additional payment. No interest is due to providers.

Note: Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for other reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete.