



COVID-19: Additional Procedure Code 87426 for Testing for Texas Medicaid

What’s New?

Effective June 25, 2020, [Texas Medicaid Health Plan \(TMHP\)](#) has issued an additional testing procedure code 87426 - for infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique of SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2.

When will this go into effect?

Effective dates of services on or after, June 25, 2020.

When will reimbursement happen?

Reimbursement for procedure code 87426 will occur upon approval of expenditures and rates accepted by Texas Medicaid. We will notify you of any benefit changes.

Place of Service and Provider Types reimbursed with procedure code 87426:

Place of Service	Provider Types
Office	County Indigent Health Care Program Physician Physician Groups Physician Assistant Nurse Practitioner Clinical Nurse Specialist Certified Nurse Midwife Registered Nurse Licensed Midwife
Outpatient Hospital	Hospital Providers
Independent Laboratory	Independent Laboratory Privately Own Laboratory Providers

How will prior services be processed?

Services prior to expenditures approval will be denied with explanation of benefit code 02008, *“this procedure code has been approved as a benefit pending the approval of expenditures. Providers will be notified of the effective dates of service in a future notification if expenditures are approved”*.

How will providers know when approved?

We will notify you of the effective dates of services.



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Will providers have to resubmit claims or submit appeals?


Once expenditures are approved, Texas Medicaid Health Plan (TMHP) will automatically reprocess the affected claims. You only submit appeals if the claim is denied for other reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete.

Additional information:

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.

Have questions?

You can contact our BCBSTX Medicaid provider call center at 1-877-560-8055 or contact your BCBSTX Medicaid Provider Network Representative at 1-855-212-1615.

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