



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

## December 6, 2022

### Nursing Facility Providers

**Effective December 12, 2022**

### Changes for Billing COVID-19 Tests

Beginning December 12, 2022, COVID tests will no longer be reimbursed utilizing ARPA funds as this revenue source has been depleted.

Submit Medicaid claims for COVID-19 tests utilizing codes 87426 and 87811.

#### **Code 87426 SARSCOV CORONAVIRUS AG IA**

Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], fluorescence immunoassay [FIA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (eg, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19])

#### **Code 87811 SARS-COV-2 COVID19 W/OPTIC**

Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical (ie, visual) observation; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

HCPCS codes G2023 and G2024 should be used for specimen collection **by a lab** or on behalf of a nursing home. These codes should only be used when the provider or facility is not running the test. If the provider or facility is running the test, the appropriate test code should be billed, not the specimen collection code.

### Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](mailto:Montana.Provider.Relations@mt.gov).

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