



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

New Hampshire Medicaid Program

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**To:** All NH Medicaid Providers  
**From:** NH Division of Medicaid Services  
**Date:** April 14, 2022  
**Subject:** Medicaid COVID-19 Group Covered Services

This notice is intended to clarify covered services under the Medicaid COVID-19 group and should be utilized in conjunction with the [Guidance for Providers on the Medicaid COVID-19 Group](#) document, last updated February 2, 2022. As a reminder, the COVID-19 group is for those with no health insurance or limited health insurance that does not cover the COVID related services. The Medicaid COVID-19 group **only** covers these COVID-19 related services as outlined below.

Covered services for individuals insured under the Medicaid COVID-19 group include:

- Diagnostic evaluation of COVID-19, including:
  - Telehealth or in-person office visits
  - Chest x-rays for the purpose of diagnosing COVID-19
  - Specimen collection and testing for COVID-19 with PCR or antigen-based testing
  - Antibody testing
  - FDA approved saliva and nasal swab tests, including BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test Cards, and other point-of-care testing.
- COVID-19 treatment, including:
  - Inpatient stays
  - Emergency room and urgent care visits
  - Telemedicine visits and office visits
  - Monoclonal antibody treatments and administration
  - FDA approved treatments for COVID-19 specific diagnoses and other clinical manifestations of COVID-19
  - Specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies) related to COVID-19
- Vaccine administration, including:
  - Coverage for administration of FDA approved vaccines or those granted an emergency use authorization (EUA): Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson (Janssen)

The specific applicable treatment codes are available in the MMIS.

COVID-19 diagnosis, treatment, and vaccine administration are the only covered services under the Medicaid COVID-19 group. **Services unrelated to a COVID-19 related diagnosis, even if rendered concurrently with COVID-19 related services, are not covered and should not be billed.** COVID-19 related diagnosis and treatment services should be associated with a COVID-19 ICD-10 diagnosis code, including ICD-10 diagnosis codes that indicate medical necessity for symptomatic and asymptomatic testing.

Helpful tips in determining an appropriate COVID-19 diagnoses/rule out<sup>1</sup>:

- For confirmed cases of COVID-19, based on clinical evaluation of the provider, positive COVID-19 test result, or presumptive positive COVID-19 test result, assign the code for a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.
- For any case in which COVID-19 is a principal diagnosis, this should be coded as such, followed by associated manifestations (e.g. other viral pneumonia).
- For suspected, possible, probable, or inconclusive COVID-19, assign an appropriate code:
  - Explaining the reason for the encounter (e.g. Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath); or
  - Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases; or
  - Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out; or
  - Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Important Notice, New Hampshire Provider Relations is available between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday at (603) 223-4774 or (866) 291-1674 Toll-Free. You may also reach out to Jordan McCormick, Provider Relations, at [jordan.m.mccormick@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:jordan.m.mccormick@dhhs.nh.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Tips adapted from AMA Presentation: Leon-Chisen, Nelly. "ICD-10-CM Coding for Covid-19 - American Hospital Association." *Aha.org*, American Hospital Association, 1 Apr. 2020, [https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2020/04/ICD10CMCodingforCOVID19FINALHandoutsandCE\\_1.pdf](https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2020/04/ICD10CMCodingforCOVID19FINALHandoutsandCE_1.pdf).