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CLARIFICATION

****COVID-19 Emergency Response****

[Please see the Department of Vermont Health Access COVID-19 site for important information](#)

COVID-19 Testing

Policy Summary:

As part of the response to the [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#), Vermont Medicaid is working with the Vermont Department of Health and Vermont's Health Care Partners to assure access to COVID-19 testing across the State of Vermont.

Vermont Medicaid provides coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic tests approved by the Food and Drug Administration or granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) through the Food and Drug Administration for the public health emergency for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 and diagnosis of COVID-19. Vermont Medicaid-enrolled providers may order and administer COVID-19 testing to the extent permitted by their scope of practice and state and federal law.

Vermont Medicaid-participating providers should visit the Vermont Medicaid Portal and consult the Fee Schedule to confirm services provided to eligible Vermont Medicaid members are covered by Vermont Medicaid and to review reimbursement information.

COVID-19 testing and specimen collection is covered in accordance with the Vermont Department of Health's clinical guidance for medical appropriateness of testing.

In addition, Vermont Medicaid has eliminated co-payments for hospital outpatient services and co-payments for medications used to treat the symptoms of COVID-19. These changes ensure that no co-payments apply to Medicaid-covered services for COVID-19 testing, diagnosis, and treatment. See [GCR 20-032](#)

Additional information is included below.

Effective Date:

Effective March 1, 2020

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Additional Information:

Provider Billing Information:

- [DVHA COVID-19 Testing Guidance](#)
- [Vermont Medicaid Fee Schedule](#)

[GCR 20-074 Licensed Pharmacists and COVID-19 Testing \(SPA 20-0017\)](#)

[State of Vermont COVID-19 Testing Plan](#)

[Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 Testing and Specimen Collection Guidelines](#)

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