Dear Provider,

Effective May 1, 2020, licensed pharmacists enrolled with Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program), pursuant to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act, may order and administer COVID-19 tests which the Food and Drug Administration has authorized in compliance with the applicable Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certification requirements and regulations.

Pharmacist Enrollment
Pharmacists that have not enrolled with Health First Colorado may visit the Over-the-Counter (OTC) Immunizations web page for details on the enrollment process.

COVID-19 Codes
- **COVID-19 Test Codes:** U0001, U0002, U0003, U0004, 87635
- **COVID-19 Antibody Test Codes:** 86328, 86769
- **Specimen Collection Codes:** G2023, G2024

Claims should be billed as professional claims, not a point of sale, similar to how immunizations and injections are billed. The pharmacy's National Provider Identification (NPI) should be used as the billing provider, the pharmacist's NPI as the rendering provider, and the pharmacist's NPI as the ordering provider.

CLIA Certification
The provider performing the test must have the appropriate CLIA certification for the test being performed. If a provider bills for a test without the appropriate CLIA certification, the claim line item for the test will be denied.

Specimen collection does not require a CLIA certification, however, specimen collection (including venipuncture) is considered to be an integral part of the laboratory testing procedure and is not reimbursable as a separate or additional charge when billed by the provider performing the testing.

Contact the Provider Services Call Center with any billing questions.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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