

**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** September 18, 2020

**Subject:** COVID-19 Laboratory Testing Fee Schedule Update

**Summary:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is updating its system to include new codes added to the Louisiana Medicaid COVID-19 Laboratory Testing Fee Schedule.

In accordance with the Louisiana Department of Health’s [Informational Bulletin 20-5](#) revised August 25, 2020, AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana is updating its system to include codes added to the Louisiana Medicaid COVID-19 Laboratory Testing Fee Schedule **retroactively effective July 14, 2020.**

Procedure Code	Code Description
87426	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (e.g., enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (e.g, SARS-CoV, SARSCoV-2 [COVID-19])
0223U	Infectious disease (bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection), pathogen-specific nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), 22 targets including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), qualitative RT-PCR, nasopharyngeal swab, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected
0224U	Antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), includes titer(s), when performed

### What do you need to do?

Providers do not need to take action. All claims billed with these codes for dates of service on or after July 14, 2020 that were denied will be reprocessed for payment consideration no later than November 1, 2020.

**Questions:**

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