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Louisiana Medicaid covers laboratory testing that uses high throughput technology represented by the newly established HCPCS codes. Laboratory providers with this capacity and any required certification may submit claims for the tests performed.

Effective **January 1, 2021**, providers may submit claims for U0005 if tests meet the following criteria defined by CMS:

- The test is completed in two calendar days or less, and
- The laboratory completes the majority of their COVID-19 diagnostic tests that use high throughput technology in two calendar days or less for all of their patients (not just their Medicaid-insured patients) in the previous month.

Please review revised [Informational Bulletin 20-5](#) for full details.

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