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IHCP changes end date for COVID-19 testing codes

To align with guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has revised the end date of several coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing codes. The Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes in Table 1 were originally given an end date of March 31, 2023, in conjunction with the April 2023 quarterly HCPCS update. However, that end date has now been revised to May 11, 2023.

Effective immediately, IHCP coverage for the COVID-19 testing codes in Table 1 has been extended through May 11, 2023. Claims for these codes with dates of service (DOS) on or after **May 12, 2023**, will be denied and will not be reimbursable.

Any previously submitted claims for dates of service between April 1, 2023, and May 11, 2023, that denied in error will be reprocessed. Claims processed during the indicated time frame that denied incorrectly for explanation of benefits (EOB) 4801 – *Procedure code not covered for benefit plan* will be mass reprocessed or mass adjusted, as appropriate. Providers should see reprocessed or adjusted claims on Remittance Advices (RAs) beginning Aug. 20, 2023, with internal control numbers (ICNs)/Claim IDs that begin with 52 (mass replacements non-check-related) or 80 (reprocessed denied claims).

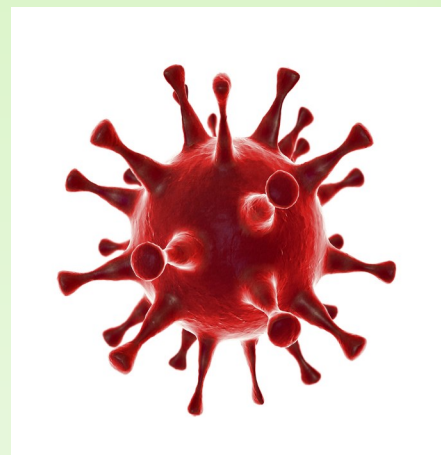


Table 1 – Procedure codes with revised end date of May 11, 2023

Procedure	Description
U0003	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (dna or rna); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]), amplified probe technique, making use of high throughput technologies as described by cms-2020-01-r
U0004	2019-ncov coronavirus, sars-cov-2/2019-ncov (covid-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-cdc, making use of high throughput technologies as described by cms-2020-01-r
U0005	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (dna or rna); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]), amplified probe technique, cdc or non-cdc, making use of high throughput technologies, completed within 2 calendar days from date of specimen collection (list separately in addition to either hcpcs code u0003 or u0004) as described by cms-2020-01-r2
G2023	Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]), any specimen source
G2024	Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]) from an individual in a snf or by a laboratory on behalf of a hha, any specimen source

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