

Attention physicians and lab providers: COVID-19 update regarding reimbursement

Notification regarding reimbursement changes to COVID-19 laboratory services codes

Beginning with dates of service on or after April 2023 or the end of the public health emergency (PHE), whichever is the latter, reimbursement for COVID-19 laboratory service codes may be reduced for independent laboratories participating in the Wellpoint network.

New COVID-19 laboratory service codes were implemented and reimbursed at rates to meet the needs of providers during the PHE. Reimbursement will be revised to the Wellpoint standard reimbursement methodology for independent laboratory providers for the following codes:

Codes				
U0001	86408	87428	0202U	0240U
U0002	86409	87635	0223U	0241U
U0003	86413	87636	0224U	
U0004	86769	87637	0225U	
86328	87426	87811	0226U	

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your designated Provider Relationship Management consultant. Please incorporate this notice into your Wellpoint *Provider Agreement* folder.