



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services

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MEMORANDUM

TO: WV Medicaid Providers

FROM: Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW
Commissioner

DATE: May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: EMS Specimen Collection and E-100 Protocol

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is adding Specimen Collection to the Transportation Contract to allow additional reimbursement to enrolled transportation providers. Please use the following codes when billing for this service on an individual run or when set up at a testing site.

- G2023 - Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), any specimen source with a rate of \$21.11.
- G2024 - Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), from an individual in a skilled nursing facility or by a laboratory on behalf of a home health agency, any specimen source with a rate of \$22.91.

With anticipated unprecedented patient volumes for EMS and West Virginia hospitals, it is necessary to implement a protocol that assists EMS clinicians in identifying patients that may be appropriate to care for themselves safely at home, without transport to an emergency department.

When billing E-100 Protocol, please use HCPCS code A0998 with no modifier. During the COVID-19 pandemic the reimbursement rate will be \$89.18.

BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension is received. This is expected to continue through the federal declaration or until further notification is provided.