

Possible Coverage Changes for COVID Testing

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Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

We wanted clients to be aware that some insurance providers may be changing their coverage policies with regards to COVID testing. Some insurance providers may not cover testing for pre-surgical or employer type screening. In cases where insurance does not cover testing, the patient may be responsible for payment.

Please review coverage with patients prior to testing so they can check with their insurance provider if the testing will be covered.

One example is BCBSNE, they updated their policy effective Nov 1, 2020:

BCBSNE has updated its medical policy to address COVID-19 testing when done for the purpose of surveillance using Z11.59 diagnosis code. <https://www.nebraskablue.com/en/Providers/COVID-19>

- Surveillance testing is not covered effective Nov. 1, 2020
- Surveillance testing, including but not limited to routine workplace testing, is not covered for asymptomatic persons with no known exposure to COVID-19

Claims for these purposes will be denied. Please reference [MedPolicy Blue](#) for more information. Other services billed with this diagnosis code may be considered.

If you have any questions please reach out to your account manager <http://www.reglab.org/contact-us/>

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