

June 10, 2020

## ADDITIONAL PROCEDURE CODES FOR CORONAVIRUS TESTING FOR TEXAS MEDICAID

Additional procedure codes for coronavirus testing are a benefit of Texas Medicaid, effective on or after the following dates of service:

Dates of Service	Procedure Codes
March 1, 2000	G2023 and G2024
March 13, 2020	87635
April 10, 2020	86328 and 86769
April 14, 2020	U0003 and U0004

*Note: The new procedure codes will not be reimbursed until expenditures are approved and the rates are adopted by Texas Medicaid. Providers will be notified of any benefit changes in a future article.*

Community Health Choice will deny claims for services provided before the approval of expenditures by Texas Medicaid. The message on the explanation of benefits (EOB) will be: *“Benefit pending the approval of expenditures by Texas Medicaid. Community Health Choice will adjust claim(s) upon approval of expenditures.”*

Once expenditures are approved, Community Health Choice will automatically reprocess the affected claims. Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for other reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete.

### **Modifier Requirement for Procedure Code 87635**

Effective for dates of service on or after March 20, 2020, procedure code 87635 must be submitted with modifier QW.

### **Revised Procedure Code Description**

Effective for dates of service on or after April 10, 2020, the description for procedure code 86318 has been revised. Providers must contact the appropriate copyright holder to obtain procedure code descriptions.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Provider Services line at 713-295-2295 or your Provider Engagement Representative.