

September 14, 2020

CERTAIN COVID-19 PROCEDURE CODES IMPLEMENTED RETROACTIVELY

Procedure codes C9803 for specimen collection and S8301 for personal protective equipment above and beyond normal protocol are a benefit of Texas Medicaid, effective on or after the following dates of service:

Dates of Service	Procedure Codes
On or after March 1, 2020	C9803
On or after April 1, 2020	S8301

Procedure Code C9803

Effective August 13, 2020, for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for COVID-19 related procedure code C9803 will be updated for Texas Medicaid.

Procedure Code S8301

Effective June 4, 2020, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, reimbursement rates for COVID-19 related procedure code S8301 was updated.

Community Health Choice (Community) will reprocess claims for procedure codes C9803 and S8301 that were denied or that did not include the additional payment, waiving the 95-day filing deadline for providers that had not submitted claims.

HHSC directs MCOs to waive the 95-day filing deadline under Title 1, Part 15, Chapter 354, Medicaid Health Services, Subchapter A, Division 1, §354.1003:

D) Submission of claims occurred within the 365-day federal filing deadline, but the claim was not filed within 95-days from the date of service because the service was determined to be a benefit of the Medicaid program and an effective date for the new benefit was applied retroactively.

Claims that denied or that did not include the additional payment for the above referenced codes, within the dates of service on or after March 1, 2020 (C9803) and April 1, 2020 (S8301) respectively, should be automatically reprocessed no later than 60 days after HHSC retroactively adjusts the Medicaid fee schedule.

Resources:

- [Reimbursement Rate Updates for Procedure Code C9803 Effective March 1, 2020 for Medicaid, FPP, HTW, and the CSHCN Services Program](#)
- [Reimbursement Rate Updates for Texas Medicaid Effective April 1 through the Remainder of the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration](#)

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