

Reporting HCPCS codes U0003/U0004 for COVID-19 Lab Tests

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Codes U0003/U0004(defined below) are applicable to providers performing tests for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 making use of high throughput equipment AND having the requisite CLIA license. A high throughput technology uses a platform that employs automated processing of more than two hundred specimens a day. Examples of high throughput technology as of April 14, 2020 include but are not limited to technologies marketed on that date as the Roche cobas 6800 System, Roche cobas 8800 System, Abbott m2000 System, Hologic Panther Fusion system, GeneXpert Infinity System, and NeuMoDx 288 Molecular. All providers other than those contracted with EmblemHealth as laboratory service providers should notify EmblemHealth of their intent to provide these services prior to submitting such claims. Inaccurate coding will result in denials/delays in claims processing.

- U0003 – Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R
- U0004: 2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R.