Claims CORNER

December 2020



COVID-19 Testing Codes

Effective retroactively for dates of service on or after October 6, 2020, the following CPT-4 codes have been added as Medi-Cal benefits:

- 87636 (Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid [DNA or RNA]; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2... types A and B, multiplex amplified probe technique)
- 87637 (Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]...)
- 87811 (Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical (ie, visual) observation; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2...)

For complete details, please refer to the following link:

https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/bulletins/artfull/gm202012.aspx#a1