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PURPOSE:

The intent of this clinical policy is to provide coverage for benefits available related to the COVID-19 testing after expiration of the public health emergency.

POLICY:

The public health emergency expired on 5/11/2023.

Aspirus Health Plan continued to waive cost sharing for all individual and group health plans for the following services, when received from participating and non-participating providers, through 12/31/2023.

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended and FDA-approved testing for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19; and
- The related office, urgent care, emergency room or telehealth visit which resulted in COVID-19 testing, but only to the extent that such visit is related to the evaluation for and administration of COVID-19 testing

EXCLUSIONS (not limited to):

Refer to member's Certificate of Coverage or Summary Plan Description

CODING:

CPT® or HCPCS

COVID-19 Testing

86328 Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

86408 Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); screen

86409 Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); titer

86413 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) antibody, quantitative

86769 Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

87426 Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (eg, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19])

87428 Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], fluorescence immunoassay [FIA],

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immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (eg, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19]) and influenza virus types A and B

87635 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

87636 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) and influenza virus 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]), influenza virus types A and B, and respiratory syncytial virus, multiplex amplified probe technique

87811 Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical (ie, visual) observation; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

0202U Infectious disease (bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection), pathogen-specific nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), 22 targets including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), qualitative RT-PCR, nasopharyngeal swab, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected.

0223U Infectious disease (bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection), pathogen-specific nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), 22 targets including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), qualitative RT-PCR, nasopharyngeal swab, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected

0224U Antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), includes titer(s), when performed

0225U Infectious disease (bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection), pathogen-specific nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), 21 targets including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), amplified probe technique, including multiplex reverse transcription for RNA targets, each analyte reported as detected or not detected

0240U Infectious disease (viral respiratory tract infection), pathogen-specific RNA, 3 targets (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 [SARS-CoV-2], influenza A, influenza B), upper respiratory specimen, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected

0241U Infections disease (viral respiratory tract infection), pathogen-specific RNA, 4 targets (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 [SARS-CoV-2], influenza A, influenza B, respiratory syncytial virus [RSV]), upper respiratory specimen, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected

0408U Infectious agent antigen detection by bulk acoustic wave biosensor immunoassay, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

C9803 Hospital outpatient clinical visit specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]), any specimen source

D0606 Molecular testing for a public health related pathogen, including coronavirus

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U0001 Novel Coronavirus Real Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Test Panel This code is only to be used for the tests developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

U0002 nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC Reported by laboratories performing non-CDC laboratory tests for SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19)

ICD-10 Diagnosis Code Descriptions

G44.201 Tension-type headache, unspecified, intractable
G44.209 Tension-type headache, unspecified, not intractable
G44.211 Episodic tension-type headache, intractable
G44.219 Episodic tension-type headache, not intractable
G44.59 Other complicated headache syndrome
G44.83 Primary cough headache
G44.84 Primary exertional headache
G44.85 Primary stabbing headache
G44.89 Other headache syndrome
G93.3 Postviral fatigue syndrome
J00 Acute nasopharyngitis [common cold] (acute rhinitis; acute coryza; infective rhinitis; nasopharyngitis, NOS)
J02.8 Acute pharyngitis due to other specified organisms
J02.9 Acute pharyngitis, unspecified (pharyngitis, NOS; sore throat, NOS)
J06.0 Acute laryngopharyngitis
J06.9 Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified
J12.81 Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus
J12.82 Pneumonia due to coronavirus disease
J12.89 Other viral pneumonia
J20.8 Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms
J22 Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
J40 Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic
J80 Acute respiratory distress syndrome
J96.00 Acute respiratory failure, unspecified whether with hypoxia or hypercapnia
J96.01 Acute respiratory failure with hypoxia
J96.02 Acute respiratory failure with hypercapnia
J98.8 Other specified respiratory disorders
M35.81 Multisystem inflammatory syndrome
M35.89 Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue
M54.5 Low back pain
M54.9 Dorsalgia, unspecified (backache, NOS; back pain, NOS)

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M62.81 Muscle weakness (generalized)
M62.838 Other muscle spasm
M79.10 Myalgia, unspecified site (myofascial pain syndrome)
M79.11 Myalgia of mastication muscle
M79.12 Myalgia of auxiliary muscles, head and neck
M79.18 Myalgia, other site
M79.89 Other specified soft tissue disorders (polyalgia)
M79.9 Soft tissue disorder, unspecified
P35.8 Other congenital viral diseases
R05 Cough
R06.02 Shortness of breath
R06.09 Other forms of dyspnea
R06.1 Stridor
R06.2 Wheezing
R06.3 Periodic breathing
R06.4 Hyperventilation
R06.82 Tachypnea, not elsewhere classified
R06.89 Other abnormalities of breathing
R06.9 Unspecified abnormalities of breathing
R07.0 Pain in throat
R07.89 Other chest pain
R09.2 Respiratory arrest
R09.81 Nasal congestion
R09.82 Postnasal drip
R10.10 Upper abdominal pain, unspecified
R10.11 Right upper quadrant pain
R10.12 Left upper quadrant pain
R10.13 Epigastric pain
R10.30 Lower abdominal pain, unspecified
R10.31 Right lower quadrant pain
R10.32 Left lower quadrant pain
R10.33 Periumbilical pain
R10.84 Generalized abdominal pain
R10.9 Unspecified abdominal pain
R11.0 Nausea
R11.10 Vomiting, unspecified
R11.11 Vomiting without nausea

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R11.12 Projectile vomiting
 R11.2 Nausea with vomiting, unspecified
 R19.7 Diarrhea, unspecified
 R19.8 Other specified symptoms and signs involving the digestive system and abdomen
 R23.0 Flushing, excessive blushing
 R25.2 Cramp and spasm
 R43.0 Anosmia
 R43.1 Parosmia
 R43.2 Parageusia
 R43.8 Other disturbances of smell and taste (mixed disturbance of smell and taste)
 R43.9 Unspecified disturbances of smell and taste
 R50.9 Fever, unspecified
 R51 Headache (facial pain NOS)
 R52 Pain, unspecified (acute or generalized pain, NOS)
 R53.1 Weakness
 R53.81 Other malaise (malaise, NOS; debility NOS; general physical deterioration)
 R53.83 Other fatigue (fatigue, NOS; lack of energy; lethargy; tiredness)
 R61 Generalized hyperhidrosis, excessive sweating, night sweats, secondary hyperhidrosis
 R68.83 Chills (without fever)
 U07.1 Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere
 U099 Post-COVID-19 condition, unspecified
 Z03.818 Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out
 Z11.52 Encounter for screening for COVID-19
 Z11.59 Encounter for screening for other viral diseases
 Z20.822 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19
 Z20.828 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases
 Z86.16 Personal history of COVID-19
 Z86.19 Personal history of other infectious and parasitic diseases

General ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines

- If the provider documents “suspected”, “possible” or “probable” COVID-19, do not assign code U07.1; assign a code(s) explaining the reason for encounter (such as fever, or Z20.828)
- Note: Diagnosis code B34.2, Coronavirus infection, unspecified, would in generally not be appropriate for the COVID-19, because the cases have universally been respiratory in nature, so the site would not be “unspecified”

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The following coding guidance has been developed by CDC and approved by the four organizations that make up the Cooperating Parties: the National Center for Health Statistics, the American Health Information Management Association, the American Hospital Association, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

J82.89 plus U07.1 = pneumonia confirmed due to COVID-19

J20.8 plus U07.1 = acute bronchitis confirmed due to COVID-19

J22 plus U07.1 = COVID-19 documented as being associated with a lower respiratory infection, not otherwise specified (NOS), or an acute respiratory infection, NOS

J98.8 plus U07.1 = COVID-19 documented as being associated with a respiratory infection, NOS

J80 plus U07.1 = ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome) due to COVID-19

Z03.818 = concern about a possible exposure to COVID-19, but this ruled out after evaluation

Z20.828 = actual exposure to someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19

Acute respiratory failure

For acute respiratory failure due to COVID-19, assign code U07.1, and code J96.0-, Acute respiratory failure.

Z01.84 Encounter for antibody response examination

Encounter for antibody testing

For an encounter for antibody testing that is not being performed to confirm a current COVID-19 infection, nor is a follow-up test after resolution of COVID-19, assign Z01.84, Encounter for antibody response examination.

Z09 Encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment for conditions other than malignant neoplasm

Follow-up visits after COVID-19 infection has resolved

For individuals who previously had COVID-19 and are being seen for follow-up evaluation, and COVID-19 test results are negative, assign codes Z09, Encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment for conditions other than malignant neoplasm, and Z86.19, Personal history of other infectious and parasitic diseases.

Z38.00- Z38. 8 Liveborn infants according to place of birth and type of delivery

COVID-19 Infection in Newborn

For a newborn that tests positive for COVID-19, assign code U07.1, COVID-19, and the appropriate codes for associated manifestation(s) in neonates/newborns in the absence of documentation indicating a specific type of transmission. When coding the birth episode in a newborn record, the appropriate code from category Z38, Liveborn infants according to place of birth and type of delivery, should be assigned as the principal diagnosis.

For a newborn that tests positive for COVID-19 and the provider documents the condition was contracted in utero or during the birth process, assign codes P35.8, Other congenital viral diseases, and U07.1, COVID-19.

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