

COVID-19 PROVIDER FAQs

COVID-19 testing

What are the new CPT Codes for COVID-19 testing?

The following code was accepted at the March 2020 CPT Editorial Panel meeting for the 2021 CPT production cycle. This code is effective immediately on March 13, 2020.

Code	Medium code descriptor	Released to AMA website	Effective	Publication
87635	IADNA SARS-COV-2 COVID-19 AMPLIFIED PROBE TQ	March 13, 2020	March 13,2020	CPT® 2021

Does TRICARE cover COVID-19 testing?

Beneficiaries suspected to have COVID-19 should be tested following CDC guidelines, as TRICARE covers medically necessary and appropriate testing.

Is prior authorization required?

No, prior- authorization is not required for COVID-19 testing.

What codes should be filed?

Humana Military will follow the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) coding U0001 and U0002 HCPCS codes for billing.

How am I going to be reimbursed for COVID-19 testing?

At this time, no guidance has been received regarding reimbursement. We ask that providers to not refile claims until we receive more instruction.

What is the reimbursement rate?

Reimbursement will be based on billed charges (less network provider discounts) until criteria is met to establish a state prevailing rate.

Are there utilization limits for how often this test can be provided?

No. Care must be medically necessary and appropriate.

Are there limitations for other testing on the same date of service?

No.

Elective surgery and COVID-19

Are elective procedures still being performed?

The Department of Defense (DOD) has directed all military hospitals and clinics (MTF) and Dental Treatment Facilities (DTF) to postpone all elective surgeries, invasive procedures and dental procedures as of March 31, 2020 for 60 days.

Who is impacted by this policy?

This policy applies to all eligible beneficiaries including: Active Duty Service Members (ADSM), their family members, retirees and their family members, Reserve Component and National Guard service members on active duty or issued a delayed-effective date active duty order.

How will this impact the coronavirus outbreak?

In the executive order, the President stated: "To ensure that our healthcare system is able to surge capacity and capability to respond to the spread of COVID-19, it is critical that all health and medical resources needed to respond to the spread of COVID-19 are properly distributed to the Nation's healthcare system and others that need them most at this time."

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Will military hospitals/clinics and Dental Treatment Facilities (DTF) continue non-COVID-related services?

Non-elective procedures, acute and urgent care, will continue, as well as procedures that will keep a service member medically ready and deployable. Routine appointments and exams, such as check-ups, specialty consultations, and prenatal visits will continue at this time. However, individual military facilities and DTFs may further limit availability based on response demands.

An important note about TRICARE program information

At the time of publication, this information is current. It is important to remember that TRICARE policies and benefits are governed by public law and federal regulations. Changes to TRICARE programs are continually made as public law and/or federal regulations are amended. Military hospital and clinic guidelines and policies may be different than those outlined in this publication. For the most recent information, contact your TRICARE regional contractor or local military hospital or clinic.