

March 30, 2020

Subject: WebDenis Alert -Influenza testing now covered in the physician's office - Effective February 4, 2020 - Codes 87275, 87276, 87400, 87804

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We're adding new codes to our physician in-office laboratory procedures list. The following influenza tests can now be performed in the physician's office. We're adding these codes to help physicians rule out influenza during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- *87275 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunofluorescent technique; influenza B virus
- *87276 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunofluorescent technique; influenza A virus
- *87400 – Infectious agent antigen detection by enzyme immunoassay technique, qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method; Influenza, A or B, each
- *87804 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; Influenza. For code *87804, a respiratory sample (such as a throat swab, nasopharyngeal swab, nasal aspirate, sputum) is obtained to perform the rapid test.

Blue Cross' PPO (commercial) and Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO already cover CPT code *87804. The rest of the codes are new for the physician in-office laboratory procedures list. All four codes are covered for these products in the physician's office with an effective date of Feb. 4, 2020:

- Blue Cross' PPO (commercial)
- Medicare Plus Blue PPO
- BCN HMOSM (commercial)
- BCN AdvantageSM

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