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Subject: Changes to coding instructions for COVID-19 testing and antibody testing updates

Good morning-

We've made updates to our coding instructions for COVID-19 testing.

- When you order a COVID-19 test, whether molecular, serologic or antigen, use the SC modifier to indicate if the test was medically necessary. Testing is only covered when it's medically necessary.
- Make sure to keep medical necessity documentation. We reserve the right to audit for medical necessity.
- For more information, [reference our COVID-19 billing, coding and credentialing page](#).

We'd also like to share an update regarding coverage and coding instructions for antibody testing.

- We'll cover, with no member copay, deductibles or coinsurance, medically necessary COVID-19 testing (any type) when it is ordered by a provider.
- You should use the SC modifier to indicate if the test was medically necessary. Testing is only covered when it is medically necessary.
- The antibody testing codes are 86328 and 86769. [See our table of codes on the COVID-19 billing, coding and credentialing page](#) for more description and reimbursement amounts.

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