



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 22, 2020
TO: Lab Service Providers
FROM: Louisiana Medicaid
SUBJECT: Revision to COVID-19 testing payment methodology

Effective January 1, 2021, Medicaid is revising its payment methodology for high throughput COVID-19 testing to align with Medicare rates. Currently, these tests (HCPCS codes U0003 and U0004) are both reimbursed at \$100 per test, but beginning January 1, 2021, Medicare is reducing the base payment for each of these tests to \$75.

As a result, there will be a reduction in reimbursement from Louisiana Medicaid for high throughput COVID-19 testing from \$100 to \$75 per test.

This change will be reflected in the COVID-19 Laboratory Fee Schedule available [here](#) beginning January 1, 2021.