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SARS CoV-2 Test Billing Update

For specimens received August 7, 2020 and after:

Health insurance will be billed for SARS CoV-2 tests for all groups, including health care workers (HCWs), County employees and correctional facility staff.

Uninsured patients may be eligible for a fee waiver.

Institutions, including hospitals (Dignity Health, Tenet Health, Atascadero State Hospital) and correctional facilities (California Men's Colony, SLO County Jail and Juvenile Services), will be billed by invoice.

Fees will be charged for testing related to public health investigations.

Our current priorities for testing for SARS CoV-2 are limited to HCWs, hospitalized patients, contacts of known cases, and outbreaks in congregate care settings such as correctional facilities, skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly. At present, the capacity of the public health laboratory does not allow for submission of specimens (except for symptomatic HCWs) from Urgent Care facilities and other private medical practices. If the situation changes, notice will be provided.

Questions?

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