Attention Provider Types 12 (Hospital, Outpatient) and 43 (Laboratory, Pathology Clinical):

Novel Coronavirus Testing and Diagnosis Procedure Codes

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has opened the following procedure codes related to Novel Coronavirus for provider types 12 (Hospital, Outpatient) and 43 (Laboratory, Pathology Clinical) to bill:

- **U0001** (CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Test Panel)
    - This code is used by laboratories/outpatient hospitals who are using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) test.
- **U0002** (2019nCov, Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV using any technique, multiple types or subtypes) for PT 43 (Laboratories)
    - This code is used by laboratories/outpatient hospitals who are using a non-CDC-developed test.
- **87635** (Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique).
    - This code is used by laboratories/outpatient hospitals for use as the industry standard for reporting of tests for the Novel Coronavirus across the nation's health care system.

The World Health Organization has assigned an emergency ICD-10 code of **U07.1** for the disease diagnosis of COVID-19.

Laboratories and outpatient hospitals may bill codes U0001 and U0002 with dates of service on or after February 4, 2020, and bill code 87635 with dates of service on or after March 13, 2020. Claims for these codes will temporarily suspend with error code 853 (HCPCS Annual Update Suspend Claims) until the pricing has been set by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). A future web announcement will notify providers when the codes have been priced and the claims have been released for adjudication.

Please note: All details submitted on a claim with one of the Coronavirus codes will suspend. It is recommended that claims for Coronavirus codes are submitted with no other services so that other procedure codes are not impacted.