



June 1, 2020

## Re: COVID-19 Antibody Testing Allowable Updated

Dear Provider:

On May 4, 2020, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana notified providers that it will cover antibody tests for SARS CoV-2 and the illness it produces (COVID-19), when ordered by a licensed provider practicing within the scope of their license. We also established interim allowable charges for dates of service April 10, 2020, and after for antibody testing for the CPT® codes listed below:

- 86328 for an interim fee of \$20 per test
- 86769 for an interim fee of \$25 per test

Since our initial notification, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released their antibody testing fees at a higher rate.

As a result, we are increasing our interim allowable charges to match those set by CMS as follows:

- 86328 for an interim fee of \$45.23 per test
- 86769 for an interim fee of \$42.13 per test

**Blue Cross will apply the new allowable charges for dates of service April 10, 2020, and after. For claims already received and processed by Blue Cross, adjustments will be made to apply the updated allowable charges. These adjustments will be reflected on your future payment registers, as applicable. Please do not resubmit these claims.**

### More Online

Be sure to visit our COVID-19 Provider Resources page, where you can access all our latest provider communications. Go to [www.bcbsla.com/providers](http://www.bcbsla.com/providers), then click on the "COVID-19 Provider Resources" link at the top of the page. We will continue to add updated information to this page as it develops.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions about the billing of COVID-19, you may send an email to our Provider Relations Department at [provider.relations@bcbsla.com](mailto:provider.relations@bcbsla.com). Please put "COVID-19 Billing" in the subject line. Thank you for working with us to serve our members, especially during this time of uncertainty. We value you as a key part of our provider networks and the services you bring to our members—your patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hiral Arges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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