

Dear Association Member,

Noridian's Medicare Part A/B Provider Outreach and Education Department is providing you with our latest news and updates. Noridian and CMS look to Associations to help by forwarding the applicable information within this email to your members.

1. **Renewed ABN:** The Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN), Form CMS-R-131, has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal. The renewed form with the expiration date of 06/30/2023 will be mandatory on 8/31/2020. The form and instructions may be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/ABN>
2. **COVID-19 Codes:** Page two contains tables of COVID-19 related Telehealth and Lab codes.
3. **Prior Authorization (PA) for Certain Hospital Outpatient Department Services:** CMS has identified five services that may meet medical necessity. Starting July 2020, a PA request must be submitted before performing services. Medical Review will provide a provisional or non-provisional affirmation of the PA request based on the documentation submitted. Webinars are scheduled through August detailing the PA process. More information can be found on the Noridian Medicare website under Medical Review tab and Pre-Claim Review
 - JEA: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jea/cert-reviews/pre-claim/prior-authorization-for-certain-hospital-opd-services>
 - JEB: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/cert-reviews/pre-claim/prior-authorization-for-certain-hospital-opd-services>
 - JFA: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jfa/cert-reviews/pre-claim/prior-authorization-for-certain-hospital-opd-services>
 - JFB: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jfb/cert-reviews/pre-claim/prior-authorization-for-certain-hospital-opd-services>
4. **POEAG:** Do you have ideas on what training the hospital/physician community needs, how the current training can be improved or additional tools that would be beneficial? If so, you are a perfect candidate for the Provider Outreach and Education Advisory Group (POEAG). This group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss educational opportunities based on Medicare's mission and goals. Admission to the group is based on an application process. If interested, more information and the application are located on the Noridian Medicare website under the Education Outreach tab and POEAG.
 - JEA: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jea/education/poe-advisory-group>
 - JEB: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/education/poe-advisory-group>
 - JFA: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jfa/education/poe-advisory-group>
 - JFB: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jfb/education/poe-advisory-group>
5. **Upcoming Education:** Please see our schedule of events webpage for upcoming webinars and training events. [JEA](#), [JEB](#), [JAF](#), and [JFB](#)

Please let us know if you have upcoming events at which Noridian's Education team can provide training to your members. For Medicare training needs, associations may request Noridian to present on topics of interest via webinars, in-person visits or as a guest speaker on a teleconference. From the "Education & Outreach" section of our website, select "Collaboration with Associations," complete the Provider Outreach & Education Collaboration Form, and email it to mac@noridian.com:

- [JEA](#), [JEB](#), [JFA](#), and [JFB](#)

Thank you,

The Noridian Provider Outreach & Education Team

COVID-19 Telehealth Codes

| Type of Service | Description | HCP/CS/CPT | Patient/ Provider Relationship |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| Telehealth Visits | Visit between provider and patient using audio/visual telecommunication | Approved codes only codes – 80 additions (see link below) | New or established Extent of 1135 waiver |
| Virtual Check-In | Brief (5-10 min) provider check in via telephone or other communication device to determine need office visit or other services, remote eval of records videos and/images | HCP/CS-G2012 HCP/CS-G2010 | New or established Extent of 1135 waiver |
| E-Visits | Communication between patient and provider through online portal | 99421-99423 G2061-G2063 | New or established Extent of 1135 waiver |
| Phone Calls | Audio only evaluation and assessment services | 98966-98968 99441-99443 | New or established Extent of 1135 waiver |

www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-GeneralInformation/Telehealth/Telehealth-Codes

COVID-19 Lab & Specimen Collection Codes

| HCP/CS CPT | Description | Effective Date |
|-------------------|---|----------------|
| U0001 \$35.91 | Coronavirus Real Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Test Panel – CDC base | Feb 4, 2020 |
| U0002 \$51.31 | Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV, any technique , multiple types or subtypes; includes all targets – Non-CDC | Feb 4, 2020 |
| U0003 \$100.00 | Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), amplified probe technique, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R | Apr 14, 2020 |
| U0004 \$100.00 | 2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC , making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R | Apr 14, 2020 |
| G2023 \$23.46 | Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 {SARS-CoV-2}, any specimen source | Mar 1, 2020 |
| G2024 \$25.46 | Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 {SARS-CoV-2}, from individual in SNF or by lab , any specimen source | Mar 1, 2020 |
| 86328 \$45.23 | Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies) , qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (e.g., reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (COVID-19) | Apr 10, 2020 |
| 86769 \$42.13 | Antibody ; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (COVID-19) | Apr 10, 2020 |
| 87635 \$51.31 | Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (COVID-19), amplified probe technique – Non-CDC (similar to U0002) | Feb 4, 2020 |

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/Clinical-Laboratory-Fee-Schedule-Files>