



**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

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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.