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To: Coordinated care organizations (CCOs)
Enrolled Oregon Health Plan providers

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Subject: Oregon Health Plan coverage of COVID-19 testing

During the COVID-19 emergency, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) covers COVID-19 testing as follows.

- **Viral testing** is covered as a diagnostic service for all OHP members, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, when ordered by a qualified health care provider. OHP will rely upon the clinical judgment of the health care provider to determine medical necessity for viral testing. Providers should consider the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) [COVID-19 testing guidance for health care providers](#) when determining medical necessity. Testing can be in traditional office locations as well as any “drive-through” or non-traditional locations.
- **Antibody testing** (also known as serology testing) is covered only as part of the diagnostic workup to evaluate a hospitalized person under age 21 for possible multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). To learn more, please read [OHA’s June 8 announcement about coverage of COVID-19 antibody testing](#).

Tests used must have FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or FDA approval as outlined in OHA’s [clinical guidance about COVID-19 testing](#).

This is true for both fee-for-service (“open card”) and coordinated care organization (CCO) coverage.

What should you do?

Please refer to the [Oregon Medicaid COVID-19 Provider Guide](#) for codes, billing instructions and other information related to OHP coverage and billing for health care services during COVID-19.

Refer to OHA’s [COVID-19 testing guidance for health care providers](#) for recommendations of whom to test for COVID-19, how to prioritize testing when resources are scarce, and how to communicate testing results to patients.

Questions?

- **About fee-for-service coverage of COVID-19 testing:** Please contact COVID.19@dhsosha.state.or.us.
- **About CCO coverage of COVID-19 testing:** Please contact the member’s CCO.

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