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Aetna Better Health® of Kansas

Clinical Payment, Coding and Policy Changes

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. To keep our providers informed, please see the below communication of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning 11/23/2021:

COVID-19 Testing and Specimen Collection

- Only one type of COVID-19 test (antibody/non-CDC/nucleic acid detection) per day should be performed within the same category of test; multiple like tests on the same date of services are duplicative.
- COVID-19 specimen collection services (nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal, or respiratory samples) should be reported in conjunction with COVID-19 laboratory testing.
- Nucleic-Acid Testing-Positive nucleic-acid based tests for SARS-CoV-2 generally confirm the diagnosis and do not have to be repeated. Negative nucleic-acid tests may be repeated if the suspicion of COVID-19 is high but is not recommended on the same day.