

# New CPT® Codes for COVID-19

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<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/cpt-releases-new-coronavirus-covid-19-code-description-testing>

## CPT® Category I Pathology and Laboratory Code for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

### Most recent changes to this long descriptor document:

- Addition of one Category I Pathology and Laboratory code (87635) for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-2-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) accepted at the March 2020 CPT Editorial Panel meeting.

\*Note that code 87635 will be a child code under parent code 87471. It is represented here as the full long descriptor including the language from parent code 87471.

It is important to note that further CPT Editorial Panel or Executive Committee actions may affect these codes and/or descriptors. For this reason, code numbers and/or descriptor language in the CPT code set may differ at the time of publication. In addition, further Panel actions may result in gaps in code number sequencing.

The following code was accepted at the March 2020 CPT Editorial Panel meeting for the 2021 CPT production cycle. This code is effective immediately on March 13, 2020.

Code	Long Code Descriptor	Released to AMA website	Effective	Publication
• 87635	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique	March 13, 2020	March 13, 2020	CPT® 2021

### Most recent changes to this medium descriptor document:

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Code	Medium Code Descriptor	Released to AMA website	Effective	Publication
•87635	IADNA SARS-COV-2 COVID-19 AMPLIFIED PROBE TQ	March 13, 2020	March 13, 2020	CPT® 2021

**Most recent changes to this short descriptor document:**

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**The following code was accepted at the March 2020 CPT Editorial Panel meeting for the 2021 CPT production cycle. This code is effective immediately on March 13, 2020.**

Code	Short Code Descriptor	Released to AMA website	Effective	Publication
●87635	SARS-COV-2 COVID-19 AMP PRB	March 13, 2020	March 13, 2020	CPT® 2021



<https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2020-03/cpt-assistant-guide-coronavirus.pdf>

## Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) COVID-19 Test Pricing March 12, 2020

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mac-covid-19-test-pricing.pdf>

Local Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) are responsible for developing the payment amount for claims they receive for these newly created HCPCS codes in their respective jurisdictions until Medicare establishes national payment rates. The payment amounts are identified below. As with other laboratory tests, there is generally no beneficiary cost sharing under Original Medicare.

MAC Jurisdiction (J)	MAC States/Territories	U0001 Test Price	U0002 Test Price
J6 – National Government Services (NGS)	Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin	\$35.91	\$51.31
JK – National Government Services (NGS)	Connecticut, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	\$35.91	\$51.31
JH – Novitas Solutions	Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas Louisiana, Mississippi	\$35.92	\$51.33
JL – Novitas Solutions	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania; Part B services include Arlington and Fairfax counties in VA, and the city of Alexandria, VA	\$35.92	\$51.33
JN – First Coast Service Options (FCSO)	Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands	\$35.92	\$51.33
JJ–Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators (PGBA)	Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee	\$35.91	\$51.31

MAC Jurisdiction (J)	MAC States/Territories	U0001 Test Price	U0002 Test Price
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JM–Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators (PGBA)	North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia	\$35.91	\$51.31
JE – Noridian Healthcare Solutions	California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands	\$35.91	\$51.31
JF – Noridian Healthcare Solutions	Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming	\$35.91	\$51.31
J5 – Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS)	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska	\$35.92	\$51.31
J8 – Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS)	Indiana, Michigan	\$35.92	\$51.31
J15 – CGS	Kentucky, Ohio	\$35.92	\$51.31