



April 28, 2020

Re: Notification of Updated Pricing and Coding for High Throughput Testing including RML 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Test (Test Number 6907557)

Dear Valued Client,

During this challenging time, Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc. (RML) is committed to our community of patients and healthcare providers as we work to provide the most advanced technology, research, and guidance for testing for the COVID-19 virus. In acknowledgment of the increased investment required for Covid-19 molecular testing, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued additional pricing and coding guidance for certain clinical diagnostic laboratory tests for the detection of SARS-CoV-2. In [CMS Ruling No. CMS-2020-01-R](#) (April 14, 2020), CMS advised that COVID-19 testing utilizing high-throughput technology, such as RML uses, should be identified by a new HCPCS Code U0004 (as appropriate) instead of CPT Code 87635 and HCPCS Code U0002, respectively, and these codes should be paid at the \$100.00.

Per CMS's Ruling RML will accept reimbursement at 100% of the CMS 2020 National Limitation Amount (NLA) for SARS-CoV-2 by PCR <http://www.labcatalog.net/search/?search=6907557> (test number: 6907557), which is now **\$100.00**. For applicable COVID-19 testing using high-throughput technologies performed on April 14, 2020 or later, RML will use **HCPCS Code U0004 with CPT code 87635 where applicable**.

RML will continue to offer state-of-the-art testing throughout the communities we serve, as we have since 1981. By performing necessary testing, RML has worked with healthcare professionals to increase accessibility of results for prompt and accurate reporting during this difficult time. RML is proud to offer the COVID-19 testing as continuance of care and is committed to improving the health and well being of our community. We want to thank all healthcare providers for their hard work and effort in decreasing the effects of COVID-19. RML is with you in this monumental fight. Please follow our updates via our website at RMLonline.com.

Sincerely,

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VP/COO