

Provider Bulletin

Central Health Medicare Plan

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Financial Responsibility for COVID Testing

This is an advisory notification to Central Health Medicare Plan (CHP) network providers applicable to CHP Medicare business.

What you need to know:

Dear Plan Partner,

This is a reminder that COVID-19 testing is a covered benefit under both Medi-Cal and Medicare.

Medicare Financial Responsibility

Delegated IPAs should reference their Division of Financial Responsibility (DOFR) to determine if COVID-19 testing falls under the financial responsibility of the IPA, shared risk pool, or the health plan. Unless specifically identified on the DOFR, COVID-19 testing is categorized under Laboratory Services.

Please note: Rapid Antigen Tests (COVID-19 home tests) provided through the Over-the-Counter (OTC) benefit are excluded from the IPA DOFR and are covered directly by the health plan.

Medi-Cal Financial Responsibility

Molina Healthcare is financially responsible for COVID-19 testing provided to Medi-Cal enrollees. This applies to all members except those assigned to an IPA or provider group delegated for the financial responsibility of COVID-19 tests.

Provider Action

No further action needed.

What if you need assistance?

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your CHP Provider Relations Representative at PRCalifornia@molinahealthcare.com.