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REGARDING

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Effective for dates of service on and after March 20, 2020, ForwardHealth accepts the following COVID-19 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) procedure codes submitted with modifier QW (CLIA-waived test) from eligible providers who test Medicaid-enrolled members for COVID-19 to indicate the service was performed in a facility having a [Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment \(CLIA\) certificate of waiver](#):

- U0002 (2019-nCoV coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV [COVID-19], any technique, multiple types or subtypes [includes all targets], non-CDC)
- 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)

Providers should refer to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's guidance on [Emergency Use Authorizations](#) (EUAs) for COVID-19 for information about the appropriate settings in which an EUA-authorized test may be used.