

## COVID-19 Laboratory Tests Reimbursement Changes for Urgent Care Centers and Convenience Care Clinics

Since 2020, Florida Blue has implemented temporary changes to help health care providers responding to COVID-19 challenges. We continue to update processes and policies related to the 2020 public health emergency (PHE) declared in association with COVID-19. (The federal PHE ended on May 11, 2023.) Reimbursement changes are going into effect soon for COVID-19 lab tests performed in two types of places of service – Urgent Care Centers (UCC) and Convenience Care Clinics (CCC).

### What is Changing

**Effective October 1, 2026**, Florida Blue is updating its fee schedules for all networks. Reimbursement for COVID-19 lab testing will be included in the current reimbursement for urgent care services, similar to flu and strep tests. UCC and CCC will **no longer receive an additional reimbursement for COVID-19 laboratory testing**.

Procedure codes no longer eligible for additional reimbursement effective October 1, 2026 include: 0202U, 0223U-0226U, 86328, 86769, 86408-86409, 87426, 87428, 87635-87637, 87811, 87913, 90480, J0248, M0224, M0249-M0250, Q0224, and U0001-U0005.

COVID-19 lab tests remain a covered service when rendered in UCC and CCC. For additional information on COVID-19-related services, providers can visit [FloridaBlue.com](https://www.floridablue.com), click *For Providers*, then *Medical and Pharmacy Policies* to reference our current Medical Coverage Guidelines. Please remember, claims billed by a provider must effectively meet the accepted standard of care for the condition being treated.