

**COVID-19 Testing at section 1905(a)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act**

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

**Coverage**

The state assures coverage of COVID-19 testing consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definitions of diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19 and its recommendations for who should receive diagnostic and screening tests for COVID-19.

The state assures that such coverage:

1. Includes all types of FDA authorized COVID-19 tests;
2. Is provided to all categorically needy eligibility groups covered by the state that receive full Medicaid benefits;
3. Is provided to the optional COVID-19 group if applicable; and
4. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(I) and 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xiii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Please describe any limits on amount, duration or scope of COVID-19 testing consistent with 42 CFR 440.230(b).

COVID-19 tests must be ordered by a practitioner operating within their scope of practice.

Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing, or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(B) of the Act.

The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration.

Additional Information (Optional):

**Reimbursement**

The state assures that it has established state plan rates for COVID-19 testing consistent with the CDC definitions of diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19 and its recommendations for who should receive diagnostic and screening tests for COVID-19.

List references to Medicaid state plan payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 testing for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

Payment methodologies for COVID-19 testing are the same as those listed in Attachment 4.19-B pages 2a.2 through 30 of the State Plan under the appropriate benefit category and/or provider type. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Covid testing. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of March 11, 2021 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website located at [Fee Schedules and Rates - Mississippi Division of Medicaid \(ms.gov\)](#) . Rates are updated according to the timelines specified in the State Plan.

The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 testing pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(F) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rates for COVID-19 testing are consistent with Medicare rates for testing, including any future Medicare updates at the:

- Medicare national average, OR
- Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 testing pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(F) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location :

The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

\_\_\_\_ The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 testing is described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

*Additional Information (Optional):*

\_\_\_\_ The payment methodologies for COVID-19 testing for providers listed above are described below:

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