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Re: Medical coverage policy update - Nucleic Acid Pathogen Panel effective August 16, 2020*

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We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: evidence-based medicine, professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result, we will review tests for medical necessity in alignment with our Nucleic Acid Pathogen Panel (0530) medical coverage policy. This is effective for dates of service beginning August 16, 2020.

***Please note that this update does not include testing for COVID-19. Information about billing guidance for COVID-19 testing can be found on the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website CignaforHCP.com.**

Additional information

For more information about our policies, please visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website at CignaforHCP.com (Resources > Coverage Policies > Policy Updates).

If you are not a registered user, please register so you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to CignaforHCP.com and click "Register Now." If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, please call Cigna Customer Service at 800.88Cigna (882.4462).

Thank you for the care you provide our customers.

Sincerely,

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Coverage Policy

At a glance

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