

Long-Term Care Testing- Financial Guidance

Testing Reimbursement Assumptions

All licensed Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged (HFA) and Adult Foster Care (AFC) facilities licensed to care for 13 or more individuals may seek reimbursement for eligible testing costs from MDHHS as outlined below:

- MDHHS will supply facilities with rapid point of care (POC) antigen tests to support all mandated resident, staff, and visitor testing and will reimburse for \$22.07 per test for specimen collection (86.7% of the Medicare fee screen for CPT code G2024). It is the assumption of MDHHS that the specimen collection fee will encompass the facility staffs' time and any related costs.
- **Beginning March 22, 2021**, MDHHS will no longer provide reimbursement for molecular tests that are used to fulfill the facility's testing requirements. MDHHS reimbursement for molecular testing will be limited to necessary confirmatory molecular testing that is not covered by insurance.
- When confirmatory PCR testing is indicated as specified in [MDHHS protocols](#), facilities may seek reimbursement for the lab related expenditures up to, but not exceeding, \$100 of the test for private pay residents, residents under a Medicare Part A stay and staff tests. Alternatively, confirmatory PCR tests can be sent to the State of Michigan Bureau of Laboratory at no cost to the facility.
- Note: MDHHS will not reimburse for confirmatory molecular testing for Medicaid-covered residents/staff and Medicare residents not under a Part A stay as these should be covered and billed by the laboratory.

Requesting Reimbursement

- Nursing homes should continue submitting their testing reimbursement forms to the Bureau of Audit at: MDHHS-SNF-Testing-Financial@michigan.gov. HFA/AFCs should continue to submit completed testing reimbursement forms to MDHHS-HFA-COVID-PAYMENT@michigan.gov.
- Please submit the testing reimbursement forms only. **DO NOT send any confidential information or beneficiary specific data to the above email.**

Receiving Reimbursement

- Reimbursement to the providers will be processed through SIGMA. Facilities not currently registered in SIGMA will need to register and obtain a SIGMA Vendor ID.
- Facilities can register for SIGMA on this webpage: <https://sigma.michigan.gov/webapp/PRDVSS2X1/AltSelfService>.
- Questions about registering for SIGMA or how to find the SIGMA Vendor ID can be directed to the Michigan VSS Support Center at SIGMA-Vendor@Michigan.gov or by calling 517-284-0550.

Documentation

- Facilities must retain documentation on which staff, residents, and visitors were tested, the staff and resident's insurance information, invoices for any testing billed to the facility or its employees, and a list of which tests had the specimen collections completed by the facility (if a facility's contract with a lab shows specimen collection is done by the facility then that serves as sufficient documentation). The facility must retain copies of the visitor appointment log to support visitors tested.
- Upon audit, if MDHHS finds that documentation does not support the inclusion of testing costs for employees, residents, or visitors, then MDHHS may recoup all or part of any reimbursement provided through this process.