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Testing for COVID-19 by Medicaid Pharmacies

On May 28, 2020, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) released guidance related to testing for COVID-19 by Maryland Medicaid Pharmacies (see [Testing for COVID-19 by Medicaid Pharmacies](#)).

The Fee-For-Service (FFS) Point of Sale Electronic (POS) Claims Processing vendor, Conduent State Healthcare, is currently working on the necessary system modifications to allow pharmacies to submit claims for specimen collection for COVID-19 testing through the POS claim processing system. Starting June 4, 2020, the claims processing system will be ready to process these claims. Pharmacies will be able to bill for dates of service retrospective to May 29, 2020.

The Payer Specific instructions on how to submit a claim for the collection of the specimen are available at <http://mdrxprograms.com/ooep.html#PSI>. In order for the system to pay correctly, you must follow the instructions related to the pricing segment; specifically you must enter \$23.12 in both field 426-DQ (Usual and Customary Charge) and field 430-DU (Gross Amount Due). If you have any questions on how to bill these claims, please contact Conduent's Call Center at 1-800-932-3918.

For more detailed information related to all the Medicaid Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID19) Updates, please visit: <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/home.aspx>.

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Maryland Department of Health (**MDH**) **Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**.

To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations.

It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.