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TO: Independent Clinical Laboratories, Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
 Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs), Independent Clinics, Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Termination of Certain COVID-19 Specimen Collection and Diagnostic Testing HCPCS Procedure Codes**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after May 11, 2023

PURPOSE: To notify independent laboratories and providers of pharmaceutical services of a decision by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to terminate coverage of certain HCPCS procedure codes billed for COVID-19 specimen collection and diagnostic testing services. Other procedure codes billed for COVID-19 specimen collection and diagnostic testing services shall continue to be covered by CMS.

BACKGROUND: Based on State and Federal authorizations, during the Public Health Emergency (PHE), Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare reimbursed independent laboratories and pharmacies for COVID-19 specimen collection or for the administration of diagnostic tests that were approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or authorized by an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). With the conclusion of the PHE, CMS recently sent out guidance to State Medicaid Programs indicating their decision to discontinue coverage of certain COVID-19 specimen collection and diagnostic testing services. New Jersey follows CMS termination dates for procedure codes that are being discontinued.

ACTION: Effective for claims with service dates on or after May 11, 2023, the following COVID-19 specimen collection and diagnostic testing procedure codes shall be discontinued by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Program.

HCPCS Procedure Code	Description
G2023	SPECIMEN COLLECT COVID-19
U0003	COV-19 AMP PRB HGH THRUPUT
U0004	COV-19 TEST NON-CDC HGH THRU
U0005	INFEC AGEN DETEC AMPLI PROBE

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