



COVID-19 Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Program Offered Through Fee-for-Service

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As of March 18, 2020, House Resolution 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Section 6004, authorized state Medicaid programs to provide access to coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing, testing-related services, and treatment services, including all medically necessary care at no cost to the individual.

In response, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is creating a new aid code that will allow individuals to seek the necessary diagnostic testing, testing-related services, and treatment services, including all medically necessary care, **through the Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) program**. This new aid code will be available to individuals with no insurance or currently have private insurance that does not cover diagnostic testing, testing-related services, and treatment service, including all medically necessary care for COVID-19 and are a California resident and without regard to immigration status, income, or resources

The covered diagnostic test, testing-related services, and treatment services, including all medically necessary care such as the associated office, clinic, or emergency room visit are paid up to the maximum FFS rate. **Individuals in this program will not be enrolled in a Medi-Cal managed care plan, so services must be billed through FFS.**

The new aid code will be considered a Presumptive Eligibility (PE) aid code and **will be date specific**. A Qualified Provider (QP) will enroll the individual on the date of application and their PE eligibility period will end on the last day of the following month. This program will utilize existing QP(s) allowed under California's approved existing plan in relation to PE programs.

Resources:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Pages/PHC.aspx>

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/COVID-19-Presumptive-Eligibility-Program.aspx>

http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_30339_27.asp