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Testing Capacity	NC	Operations	NC
Health Centers with COVID-19 Testing Capacity	90.00%	Health Center Weekly Visits Compared to Pre-COVID 19 Weekly	76.25% 13 10
Health Centers with COVID-19 Drive- Up/Walk Up Testing Capacity	77.79%	Visits Health Center Sites Temporarily	
		Closed	
Average Turnaround Time for COVID-19 Test Results		Staff Tested Positive for COVID-19	
Less than 1 Hour	11.11%	Llealth Canton Staff Lineble to Morily	3.50% 42.75%
12 Hours or Less	5.56%	Health Center Staff Unable to Work (due to site/service closure,	
24 Hours	11.11%	exposure, family/home obligations,	
2-3 Days	11.11%	lack of PPE, etc.)	
4 Days	11.11%	Average Percent of Health Center Visits Conducted Virtually	
More than 5 Days	50.00%		



Latest Data from July 10th

https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-health-center-data/nc

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Number of Patients Tested for COVID-19	NC
Patients Tested	3651
Patients Tested Positive	981

Race/Ethnicity	Patients Tested	Tested Positive
White, Non-Hispanic/Latino	25.63%	44.77%
White, Hispanic/Latino	18.27%	22.28%
Black, Non-Hispanic/Latino	37.39%	6.32%
Black, Hispanic/Latino	1.08%	0.31%
Asian	1.19%	0.21%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.88%	0.83%
Unreported/Refused to Report	4.23%	8.60%

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https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-health-center-data/nc

Complete Race/Ethnicity data available, <u>https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-</u> <u>response/coronavirus-health-center-data</u>



CHC COVID-19 Task Force

July 24, 2020



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Agenda

- Welcome, Chris Shank, President & CEO, NCCHCA
- ORIG3N Laboratory, Kate Blanchard & Robin Smith
- Faith Health Division, Wake Forest Baptist Health, Brian Davis
- Uninsured Claims Portal/LabCorp, Brendan Riley, Director of Policy, NCCHCA
- **Remote Patient Monitoring**, Kim Schwartz, CEO, Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center
- BCBSNC Accelerate to Value, Kim Green & Joy Simmons, BCBSNC
- State Appropriations, Mel Goodwin, Interim Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel, & Ronak Patel, Director of Finance, NCCHCA
- Closing

Slides & Other Info will be available on our website: <u>www.ncchca.org/covid-19/covid19-general-information/</u>



Welcome from Chris Shank, President & CEO, NCCHCA

ORIG3N Laboratory, Kate Blanchard, COO & Co-founder Robin Smith, CEO

Faith Health Division, Wake Forest Baptist Health, Brian Davis

HRSA Uninsured Claims Portal

Brendan Riley, Policy Director, NCCHCA

Uninsured Claims Program

- Operated by United/ Optum.
- Works like an insurance program -- claims must be submitted for individual patients, with CPT codes, etc., and reimbursement is paid for each claim.
 - Claims must include Social Security number, State ID number, or else an attestation that the provider couldn't get this info.
 - Reimbursement is based on Medicare fee schedule rates
- Every claim paid under this program results in increased revenue for the CHC.

All health centers are <u>required</u>, under Section 330, to bill this program. Failure to do so will likely result in a condition on your grant.

You may not charge copays to anyone for whom you submit a claim under this program.

Uninsured claims are paid on a first-come-first-served basis, and available funding is capped. So submit your claims ASAP to maximize reimbursement.

FAQs

Do I Have to Provide Sensitive Patient Information to the Portal?

No. In fact some larger companies like LabCorp and Quest have indicated they will not include sensitive patient information when billing the portal. When submitting a claim, you are asked to provide patient information that allows HRSA to verify that the patient is indeed uninsured. To do this, the Portal asks for a patient's Social Security Number, State of Residence, or State Identification/Driver's License.

While these are listed as required fields, **you can bypass this "requirement**". In fact, the Portal indicates that providers may not provide the information if they attest that they were not able to collect this information from the patient:

If a [Social Security Number] and state of residence, or state identification / driver's license is not submitted, you will need to attest that you attempted to capture this information before submitting a claim and the patient did not have this information at the time of service, or that you did not have direct contact with the patient and thus did not have an opportunity to attempt to capture this information. Claims submitted without a SSN and state of residence, or state identification / driver's license may take longer to verify for patient eligibility.

If the individual is unable or unwilling to provide their address, please add the address of the facility where the care was provided or other location that may be appropriate (e.g., shelter).



FAQs (continued)

What services are eligible for reimbursement?

- For dates of service or admittance on or after February 4, 2020, reimbursement will be made for qualifying testing for COVID-19 and treatment services with a primary COVID-19 diagnosis, including the following:
- Specimen collection, diagnostic and antibody testing.
- Testing-related visits including in the following settings: office, urgent care or emergency room or telehealth.
- Treatment, including office visit (including telehealth), emergency room, inpatient, outpatient/observation, skilled nursing facility, long-term acute care (LTAC), acute inpatient rehab, home health, DME (e.g., oxygen, ventilator), emergency ambulance transportation, non-emergent patient transfers via ambulance, and FDA-approved drugs as they become available for COVID-19treatment and administered as part of an inpatient stay.
- FDA-approved vaccine, when available.



FAQs (continued)

How can I bill for testing if our lab partner also wants to bill for specimen processing/lab analysis?

When billing for COVID-19 testing, FQHCs can bill for the office visit and/or specimen collection associated with the test if the FQHC conducted those services. The laboratory used for specimen processing should and can still bill the Portal themselves to get reimbursed for that service. You can indicate which testing procedure you're seeking reimbursement for by providing the <u>specific</u> <u>procedure code(s)</u> associated with the service(s).



FAQs (continued)

Will the portal reimburse for negative or asymptomatic testing services?

Yes, but you must use one of the following diagnoses codes to ensure the claim is reimbursed:

- Z03.818 Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out (possible exposure to COVID-19)
- Z11.59 Encounter for screening for other viral diseases (asymptomatic)
- Z20.828 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable (confirmed exposure to COVID-19)



Get Started!

Health Resources & Services Administration

③ Frequently Asked Questions

Based on user feedback from this site and recent program webcasts, we have identified and answered your top questions to ensure this process is as simple and easy to use as possible. Please see our new frequently asked questions.

HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal: Sign In C

HRSA COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing and Treatment of the Uninsured

Overview

Get Started

What You Need Patient Details

Claims & Reimbursement

Resources & Support 🗸

- NCCHCA Review of data shows only 10 NCCHCA members have been reimbursed for testing or treatment by this portal
- HRSA Uninsured Claims Portal website: <u>https://coviduninsuredclaim.l</u> <u>inkhealth.com/</u>



Get Started!

- Tools for navigating the Portal
 - <u>Educational Tools</u>: this page features some resources that may be helpful in getting started and navigating the Portal, including videos, an interactive <u>User</u> <u>Guide</u>, a <u>Checklist one-pager</u>, and other resources
 - <u>Billing Codes page</u>
 - Frequently Asked Questions Organized into five categories: About the Program, Eligibility, Claims & Coding, Reimbursement & Payment, and Program Administration



Steps You'll Need to Take

At **COVIDUNINSUREDCIAIM. Linkhealth.com**, sign in with your Optum ID. If you don't have an Optum ID or you are not sure if you have one, you can follow the steps on the screen to create one.

- Validate your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). This can take 1-2 business days to process.
- □ Register for direct deposit/ACH through Optum Pay.[™] Be sure to check the required documents before you begin. This can take 7-10 business days to process.
- Add your provider roster. This step will be available soon after the TIN is validated. This can take 5-7 business days to process.
- Complete patient attestation and upload your patient roster. You may need to do this step more than once.
- □ Submit your claims electronically using the Payer ID 95964 (COVID19 HRSA Uninsured Testing and Treatment Fund).

Once you sign in, you'll be able to track your progress through the program. There will also be on-demand training availa for the steps in this program.

Why Would Claims Be Denied?

• Claims may be denied if:

•They are submitted improperly according to guidance (ex. Treatment where COVID-19 not the primary diagnosis)

The Portal determines that the patient is not actually uninsured
Funding appropriated for the portal is exhausted

• About that funding...



Funding Available Until Expended

Figure 1



IOTES: General allocation for Medicare providers was based on their total net patient revenue; \$15B for Medicaid providers will also be based on total net atient revenue; \$12B for hospitals with at least 100 COVID-19 patients by 4/10 includes the additional \$2B for safety net hospitals; the \$11B for rural ospitals includes the \$1B announced on 7/10/2020 for certain special rural Medicare designation hospitals in urban areas as well as others who provide are in smaller non-rural communities; SNF is skilled nursing facility, IHS is Indian Health Service. iOURCE: KFF analysis of HHS announcements regarding provider relief grant allocations Thus far, Congress has authorized funding for these Portal in a few different pots:

- \$175 billion for the Provider Relief Fund total. An undetermined amount of this funding is being used to reimburse costs for COVID-19 treatment of uninsured individuals.
- \$2 billion to reimburse costs for COVID-19 **testing** of uninsured individuals.

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Funding Available Until Expended

Share of Federal Appropriations Available to Reimburse Providers for Uninsured COVID-19 Testing



- Only 5% of the funds for **testing** have been spent as of July 16.
- Possible backup plan if/when funding exhausted: NC General Assembly authorized federallyfunded option to have Medicaid cover testing for uninsured during public health emergency.



LabCorp Letter re: Uninsured Claims Portal

Telehealth and Remote Monitoring at RCCHC July 24, 2020

Kim A. Schwartz Chief Executive Officer Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center

Fall forward, learn fast



Remote Patient Monitoring Framework

Proven to improve health and enhance care by interconnecting stakeholders to increase accountability and change patient behaviors



Enhances care. Changes behaviors. Lowers costs.

Valuable Outcomes



PATIENT

Fewer ED/Offices visits Fewer hospital re-admissions Improves overall health and quality of life Improves provider relationship Reduces out-of-pocket expenses Increases accountability and healthcare IQ Ease of use



PROVIDER

Real time access to patient health data

Better view into patient's lifestyle

Supports meaningful use

Lower healthcare cost

Improves treatment plans and outcomes

Supports Patient Center Medical Home and NCQA accreditation

How We Got Here and Where to Go



- Keep moving forward
- Fail forward

- COVID-19
 - Tested and Positive RPM Case Management

Chronic / Acute

COVID Positive

- Comorbidity
- Post Isolation
- Standing Order 3 month Remote Patient Monitoring



Underlying conditions among adults hospitalized with COVID-19

Note: Based on data from the COVID-19–Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network for patients hospitalized in 99 counties in 14 states from March 1-30, 2020.

Source: MMWR. 2020 Apr 8:69(early release):1-7

RPM Case Management





Some Considerations for RPM

- Payor mix
- Cost of equipment
- Low hanging fruit during COVID
- Vendor selection
- Post COVID considerations

Don't Go It Alone!







• <u>www.matrc.org</u>

• MATRC RPM Tool Kit

• RCCHC White Paper



Virtual Rounds: Accelerate to Value

COVID-19 support and accelerated pathway to Blue PremierSM for independent primary care practices

July 24, 2020

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AGENDA



- Who we are
- Program basics
- Upfront payment to stabilize practice revenue
- Terms of participation:
 - Deliver high-quality care and care coordination during the crisis
 - Move to value-based care through Blue Premier
- Introduction to Blue PremierSM
- Application process and timeline
- Q&A
 - Please hold your questions until we open the Q&A. We will ask the hosts as many questions as we can at the end of the presentation.

Please note:

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WHO WE ARE

- Rahul Rajkumar, MD, SVP, Chief Medical Officer
- Dr. Leslie McKinney, MD, Sr. Medical Director
- Scott Heiser, MPH, Sr. Manager, Health Care and Medical Expense Strategy
- Molly O'Toole, RN, MSN, CPC, Sr. Manager, Advanced Primary Care
- Amy Winstead, Manager, Provider Contracting and Director, Provider Network Healthy Blue
- Azalea Kim, MD, MBA, MPA, Chief of Staff to the Chief Medical Officer
- Theresa Chu, Team Lead, Health Care Communications



ACCELERATE TO VALUE: PROGRAM BASICS

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Independent primary care practices play a critical role in providing care to Blue Cross NC members and all North Carolinians.

- Provide financial stability to independent primary care practices
- 2 Ensure patient access to high-quality, well-coordinated care



Provide a bridge to participate in Blue Cross NC's value-based care program called Blue Premier



Help independent primary care practices stay independent
ACCELERATE TO VALUE: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

There are four key parts to the program:



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ACCELERATE TO VALUE: WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



✓ Independently owned and operated primary care practices:

- Includes internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, OB-GYN and multispecialty practices.
- × Practices owned by hospitals and health systems are not eligible.
- ✓ In-network and otherwise in good standing with Blue Cross NC
- Able to receive funds via electronic funds transfer into the bank account on record with Blue Cross NC
- ✓ Attest to quality, value and intent to stay independent

Our aim is maximize the number of primary care practices who are eligible and can benefit from this program.

PAYMENT CALCULATION DETAILS



The design of the program is to subsidize the revenue shortfall practices are enduring for 2020 and 2021 compared with pre-COVID 2019 level.

In 2020:

- 1. We compare 2020 allowed revenue for core primary care services to 2019 allowed revenue to determine shortfall across all eligible independent primary care practices.
- 2. Total shortfall amount across all practices is converted to a "per attributed Blue Cross NC patient per month" (PAMPM) amount.
 - When requested, Blue Cross NC will provide a snapshot of your practice's attribution totals using the most recent data available. *Note:* There will be slight differences in the final attribution totals and the figures reflected, but it will give you a reasonable approximation of your anticipated attributed members. All commercial members, including Blue Card, ASO and FEP are included.
- 3. We estimate this amount to be \$8 per attributed member per month (PAMPM) for the 6-month period ending December 2020. This \$48 amount is multiplied by each practice's attributed patients. This is the first payment amount.
- 4. For 2020, at the end of the year we calculate a "catch-up payment" if the shortfall for the pool was more than the estimated. If we overestimated the shortfall, you still keep the payments (i.e. no "claw back").

PAYMENT CALCULATION DETAILS



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In 2021:

- 5. We use recent 2020 experience to forecast the shortfall relative to 2019 revenue for primary care services across all eligible independent primary care practices in 2021.
- 6. This forecasted shortfall amount across all practices is converted to a prospective "per attributed Blue Cross NC patient per month" (PAMPM) amount.
- 7. This forecasted PAMPM is multiplied by each practice's attributed patients. Payments will be made within 60 days of the end of each quarter of 2021.

We can make course corrections and adjust payments to keep total revenue for practices in the program at 2019 levels. Through financial stability, practices will be able to deliver high-value, well-coordinated care during the COVID-19 crisis pandemic.

PAYMENT VISUALIZATION OVER TIME





WHAT COUNTS AS CORE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES?



- Blue Cross NC assessed all revenue billed by eligible practices in 2019
- Separated all spending into commoditized goods (e.g. injectable drugs) v. non-commoditized services (e.g. all evaluation and management visits).
- Only the *non-commoditized services* are considered core primary care services.

HOW DO MEMBERS BECOME ATTRIBUTED TO YOUR PRACTICE?

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Membership in these lines of business are eligible for attribution:

- ✓ Fully insured
- Self-funded (employer groups)
- Inter-Plan Program members (also referred to as IPP Host)
- Federal Employee Program

State Health Plan is not participating in this program at this time.

Blue Medicare Advantage is not included.

We will use the same methods as our value-based program, Blue Premier, to attribute members to your practice.

We use the history of claims to identify members who:

- Were seen at your practice for wellness, primary care, and E&M services, or
- Have selected you as a primary care provider



ACCELERATE TO VALUE: HIGH-QUALITY CARE AND CARE COORDINATION DURING THE CRISIS

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TERMS OF PARTICIPATION: OVERVIEW



We trust that you provide excellent care to our members during the COVID-19 crisis.

We will ask that you attest, or pledge, to continue to execute these efforts:

Provide care delivery and care coordination activities

2 Commit to join the pathway to value-based care

3 Maintain independent status for the duration of this program

Our aim is to minimize the administrative burden on practices while requiring actions that support access and high-quality care for our members.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION: CARE DELIVERY ATTESTATIONS



To be enrolled in the program, we will ask practices to **<u>pledge</u>** to and execute the following actions:

- Access:
 - Will maintain and expand access to care delivery for Blue Cross NC members, including expanded hours, weekend access, and asynchronous communications (i.e., secure messaging)
 - Will keep provider panels open for Blue Cross NC members
- **Telehealth Adoption:** Have already deployed or will plan to deploy telehealth services
- **EHR Adoption:** Have already deployed or will plan to deploy electronic health record technology in their practice operations by December 31, 2020.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION: CARE DELIVERY ATTESTATIONS

In order to justify this payment, we have identified activities your practices are likely doing already that are important to our members during the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask you to pledge to:

Provide care delivery activities responsive to COVID-19.

Examples you may already do include:

- Referrals for COVID-19 testing, coordination to access public health resources (including testing, contact tracing, and supportive services in the event of a need to quarantine)
- Behavioral health screenings
- Delivery of preventive services
- Proactive monitoring and delivery of care for members with chronic disease

Provide care coordination activities.

Examples you may already do include:

- Member identification (e.g., complex patients or patients with chronic
- Care plan preparation
- Referral, test, and follow-up care coordination and tracking
- Self-management support
- Patient/member follow-up care
- Care transition support and management
- Care coordination with other health care providers
- Medication reconciliation and adherence
 assessments
- Transitions of care support and management

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION: AUDIT PROGRAM



We are required to have an audit program that will focus on ensuring access for our members.



TERMS OF PARTICIPATION: PATHWAY TO VALUE-BASED CARE

To be enrolled in the program, practices must attest to transition to value-based care by joining a Blue Premier ACO by December 31, 2020 for the 2021 Blue Premier Performance Year. This is a **binding commitment**:

This can be done through one of two mechanisms:

- 1. Joining Blue Premier Aledade ACO, or;
- 2. Joining an existing Blue Premier ACO through their clinically integrated network (CIN)
 - The three eligible Blue Premier CINs are: UNC Health Alliance (UNCHA), Triad Health Network (THN), WakeMed Key Community Care (WKCC)

If the independent practice is already in Blue Premier, this commitment is satisfied. The practice must submit an application for Accelerate to Value.

If the practice has not executed a Blue Premier value-based agreement by December 31, 2020, they will be removed from the Accelerate to Value program and will not receive payments in 2021.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION: PATHWAY TO VALUE-BASED CARE



All Accelerate to Value participants will pledge to consider the opportunity to join a **primary care capitation** model to begin in performance year 2022.

This is a **<u>non-binding</u>** commitment.

The Blue Cross NC team will work closely with Accelerate to Value practices, Aledade, and the Blue Premier CINs to share details of the PCP capitation model when it is available for review in 2021 or sooner.

More details on Blue Premier and PCP capitation in the next section.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION: PLEDGE TO STAY INDEPENDENT



Accelerate to Value practices must remain independent through December 31, 2022. This is a **<u>binding</u>** commitment.

If a practice is no longer independently owned or operated before December 31, 2022 (i.e., sell themselves to a hospital or hospital system), the practice will be removed from the Accelerate to Value program and required to <u>return</u> <u>the amount of the program funding</u> to Blue Cross NC.



ACCELERATE TO VALUE: MOVE TO VALUE-BASED CARE THROUGH BLUE PREMIER



We want to provide primary care physicians across North Carolina the tools they need to be **best-in-class** and succeed in a remodeled health care system built on the foundation of **value-based**, **patientcentered care**.

Note: Q&A is now open

VALUE-BASED CARE: BLUE PREMIER

True shared risk and savings

- One of the nation's most comprehensive shared savings models with a pathway to twosided risk
- Gives independent practices opportunity earn substantial rewards for improving quality and reducing total cost of care
- Makes primary care a priority



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VALUE-BASED CARE: ALIGNED GOALS, ACOS, AND INVESTING IN PRIMARY CARE

Accountable Care Organizations

- ACOs are groups of providers who assume responsibility for the quality and cost efficiency of the health care for a designated patient population.
- The goal of coordinated care is to ensure that patients, especially the chronically ill, receive the right care at the right time, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of services and preventing medical errors.

Aligned Goals

- Provides physicians flexibility and incentives to deliver highervalue care
- Better care coordination and support
- Innovative population health management
- Focus on maintaining patient health and improving patient experience

VALUE-BASED CARE: BLUE PREMIER KEY MODEL COMPONENTS





Standard Attributed Population: connecting our members to your practice



Quality Component: using a standard set of quality metrics and targets to measure performance



Financial Model: developing shared savings and compensation for high quality performance



Data and Insights: delivering improved data and insights to help you better manage your attributed members



Provider Engagement to deliver improved reporting and opportunity analysis designed to inform providers of areas of targeted change and savings potential

Deployment of consulting teams to regularly engage with providers



ACCELERATE TO VALUE: PATHWAY TO PCP CAPITATION (NOT REQUIRED)

VALUE-BASED CARE FUTURE STATE: PCP CAPITATION

- Blue Cross NC will offer a model for primary care provider (PCP) capitation starting in 2022 to practices in the Accelerate to Value program.
- PCP capitation is a fixed payment for a set of core primary care services paid on behalf of all Blue Cross NC members attributed to providers for these services.
- We are not asking practices to make a binding commitment to accept PCP capitation at this time. However, we believe this will be an attractive payment model that will offer sustainable funding for primary care services.
- PCP capitation will let practices determine the best way to deliver primary care to all of the patients they serve, allowing for new flexibility in how and when that care is delivered.



NEXT STEPS

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NEXT STEPS

- Visit <u>BlueCrossNC.com/Accelerate-Value-Program</u> to apply (only takes 10 min!)
- Application and refreshed FAQs are available on the website
- Application deadline July 31, 2020 at 5 p.m. ET

Additional webinars will be announced on our website

You can also send inquiries to <u>AcceleratePCP@bcbsnc.com</u>.



Q&A

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State Appropriations, Mel Goodwin, Interim COO & General Counsel, NCCHCA

Upcoming FQHC Task Force Calls

August 7, 10:00-11:30am August 21, 10:00am-11:30am





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