

## Payment Policy | COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing, Vaccine and Antibody Treatment Administration Reimbursement



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### OVERVIEW

This policy documents Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) reimbursement determination related to the following COVID-19 services from the beginning of the Public Health Emergency (e.g. January 31, 2020), as defined in BCBSRI's policies listed in the Related Policies section below:

- COVID-19 Laboratory In Vitro Diagnostic Testing
- Monoclonal Antibody Treatments
- Vaccines and Administration of Vaccines

This policy applies to all BCBSRI in-network/participating providers as well as out-of-network/non-participating providers with BCBSRI.

BCBSRI reserves the right to implement changes to this policy without the contractual sixty-day (60) notification that is normally required under BCBSRI contracts with its in-network/participating providers due to the urgent nature of a pandemic related service.

### MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### Medicare Advantage Plans and Commercial Products

BCBSRI will reimburse the following COVID-19 related services (as defined in BCBSRI's policies listed in the Related Policies section below) at 100% of Medicare Reimbursement Rates, as documented in the fee schedules developed by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which may change from time to time:

- COVID-19 Laboratory In Vitro Diagnostic Testing
- Monoclonal Antibody Treatments
- Vaccines and Administration of Vaccines

### COVERAGE

Services identified in this policy are priced at 100% of Medicare during the timeframe the policy is in effect.

### CODING

See Related Policies section.

### RELATED POLICIES

COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

COVID-19 Vaccinations

**TEMPORARY** COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing

## **PUBLISHED**

BCBSRI's website  
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## **REFERENCES**

Not applicable

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