

Test Coverage Notification

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Effective Date:

17 Dec. 2018

Respiratory Viral Panel Local Coverage Determination

On December 17, 2018 CMS makes effective their new Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for Respiratory Viral Panels. Below are the SBMF tests impacted by this policy:

Test Name: Respiratory Virus Mini Panel by Qualitative RT-PCR

SBMF Test Code: 36154

CPT Code: 87631

This panel will have **LIMITED COVERAGE** for Medicare patients.

- Must be ordered in a facility that cares for critically ill patients, **OR**
- Must be ordered by an infectious disease specialist.

Test Name: Respiratory Pathogen panel, PCR

SBMF Test Code: 36178

CPT Code: 87633

This panel will be **NON-COVERED** for Medicare patients.

SBMF recommends review of this LCD and current ordering practices to determine the financial impact on your organization.

Local Coverage Determination (LCD):

MolDX: Multiplex Nucleic Acid Amplified Tests for Respiratory Viral Panels (L37764)

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=37764>

SBMF online Test Directory

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