Medical Provider Instructions for Uninsured COVID-19 Testing and Treatment Claims

On March 17, 2020, Governor Bullock announced uninsured Montanans can receive coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment. Under the governor's emergency authority, state funds, with potential for federal funds, will be used to pay for COVID-19 testing for Montanans without health insurance. If confirmed positive for COVID-19, funds will be used to cover treatment costs.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is also accepting claims for the testing and treatment for uninsured patients. More information on HRSA's program can be found: https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim.

As a medical provider what do you need to do when you test or treat an uninsured patient for COVID-19?

- Confirm the patient would like to utilize the available uninsured benefit offered by the State of Montana.
- Encourage and guide the patient to apply for Montana Healthcare Program coverage.
    a. If the patient declines to apply for Montana Healthcare Program coverage direct he/she to the COVID19 Testing and Treatment Eligibility Application. This site will request the patient to certify he/she is not covered under a health insurance plan.
- Complete the Uninsured Claim for COVID-19 Cover Sheet and mail, fax, or secure e-mail all supporting information, including the medical claim (UB-04 and/or CMS-1500) to:
    a. Mail to:
        DPHHS
        Health Resources Division, A206
        Attn: Hospital Program Officer
        PO Box 202951
        Helena, MT 59620-2951
    b. Fax to:
        (406) 444 – 1861
        Attn: Hospital Program Officer
    c. Email securely to:
        vstclair@mt.gov
- All claims submitted for reimbursement must include a COVID-19 related diagnosis as the primary reason for the encounter. (U07.1, Z20.828, Z03.818, Z11.59, and B97.29 if the date of service is prior to April 1, 2020.)
- If you are not currently enrolled as a Montana Healthcare Programs provider, a completed W-9 form **must** be submitted with your claim.
- Medical providers will be reimbursed 100% of billed charges for services related to the testing and/or treatment of COVID-19.