

Alien Emergency Medical COVID-19 Coverage Expansion (WAC 182-507-0115)

COVID-19 emergency rule change to expand coverage

Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) clients can access care within the provider's* office setting (outside of the emergency department, inpatient and other outpatient settings) to **diagnose and treat COVID-19**.

*Includes MD/DO, ARNP, NP providers

Includes coverage for testing and treatment in any office, mobile, non-hospital based setting.

Medications, medical supplies and follow-up visits may be covered in the following situations:

1. Upon presentation for testing when medications or supplies are determined to be medically necessary for care while waiting for COVID-19 test results.
2. Following diagnosis of COVID-19 additional medications and medical supplies are covered.
3. Following discharge from an inpatient admission due to COVID-19 two (2) follow-up visits in any setting (office, outpatient etc) will be covered.

Client Eligibility Information

- For AEM Eligibility Cover Sheet indicate if this is COVID-19 related treatment/testing.

Billing and payment information

For COVID-19 diagnosis and treatment, submit claims for service in these place of service as follows:

Provider Office/mobile/other setting claims:

- Include CR modifier
- For testing include diagnosis code(s) for each of the presenting signs or symptoms (must include CR modifier)
- For treatment of confirmed COVID-19 include ICD-10 code U07.1
- For admissions to treat COVID-19 or complications thereof, the agency will cover up to two post-discharge physician follow-up visits, regardless of how or where the visits are conducted

Consistent with the current AEM coverage for outpatient hospital and inpatient hospital services bill as follows:

Outpatient hospital claims, including emergency room services and observation

- Diagnosis must include one of the following: B34.2 or U07.1
- For admissions to treat COVID-19 or complications thereof, the agency will cover up to two post-discharge physician follow-up visits, regardless of how or where the visits are conducted

Inpatient claims

- Follow usual billing guidance, and
- For inpatient claims involving COVID-19, code the primary diagnosis being treated (e.g. respiratory distress-J80) and include presence of COVID-19 as secondary diagnosis using appropriate codes (i.e. B34.2 or U07.1)