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PROVIDER NOTIFICATION FOR RESPIRATORY PANELS

Dear Provider,

Effective 3/1/2021, Aetna Better Health of WV will only pay for respiratory panels according to the following guidelines:

1. Test codes for up to 5 respiratory pathogens, (87631, 87635, U0001, U0002, U0003, U0004) may be allowed for any of the following:

- (A) COVID ICD 10 codes: B97.29 and U07.1
- (B) to guide therapy
- (C) for immunocompromised members
- (D) for those considered at high-risk for complications.

2. Test codes for more than 5 respiratory pathogens, (87632, 87633, 0098U, 0099U, 0100U, 0115U, 0151U, 0202U, 0223U, 0225U) are allowed only for:

- (A) immunocompromised members and/or
- (B) for those considered at high-risk for complications.

Claims for Respiratory Panels without the correct ICD-10 diagnosis code(s) and/or that do not meet the above listed criteria will pend for medical necessity review.

As always, don't hesitate to contact your Aetna Better Health of WV Provider Relations Representative with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Provider Relations

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