

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) COVID-19 Test Pricing

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is posting a fact sheet to the [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) website to aid Medicare providers with information relating to the pricing of both the CDC and non CDC tests. You can find the fact sheet here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mac-covid-19-test-pricing.pdf>

Additionally, CMS will be tweeting about this new information. Tweets can be found below. We encourage relevant stakeholders to retweet.

- **Medicare will be covering #COVID19 tests, and there is generally no copay for original #Medicare - deductible applies. @CMSSGov is also permitting #MedicareAdvantage plans to waive cost sharing for these tests.**
- **#Medicare's initial payment for the @CDCgov test will be about \$36 & non-CDC tests will be around \$51. These prices may vary slightly depending on the local Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). View the full price by MAC list here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mac-covid-19-test-pricing.pdf>**

Earlier CMS actions in response to the COVID-19 virus are part of the ongoing White House Task Force efforts. To keep up with the important work CMS is doing in response to COVID-19, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](#).