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## Is my test, item, or service covered?

### Coronavirus test

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers a test to see if you have coronavirus (officially called 2019-novel coronavirus or COVID-19). This test is covered when your doctor or other health care provider orders it, if you got the test on or after February 4, 2020.

#### Your costs in Original Medicare

You usually pay nothing for Medicare-covered [clinical diagnostic laboratory tests](#).

#### Note

Your provider will need to wait until after April 1, 2020 to be able to submit a claim to Medicare for this test.

#### What it is

Tests done to help your doctor diagnose or rule out a suspected illness or condition.

#### Things to know

Medicare also covers [preventive tests and screenings](#) to help prevent, find, or manage a medical problem.

#### Related resources

[Center for Disease Control's response to the coronavirus](#)

## Telehealth

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers certain telehealth services.

### Your costs in Original Medicare

You pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for your doctor or other health care provider's services, and the Part B deductible applies. For most telehealth services, you'll pay the same amount that you would if you got the services in person.

#### Note

Due to the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) Public Health Emergency, doctors and other health care providers can use telehealth services to treat COVID-19 (and for other medically reasonable purposes) from offices, hospitals, and places of residence (like homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities) as of March 6, 2020. Medicare will pay for these services for patients who have seen the health care provider or another health care provider in the same practice. Coinsurance and deductibles apply.

If you have coverage through a Medicare Advantage Plan, you won't have to pay out-of-pocket costs (called cost-sharing) for COVID-19 tests and treatment.

#### Note

To find out how much your test, item, or service will cost, talk to your doctor or health care provider. The specific amount you'll owe may depend on several things, like:

- ◆ Other insurance you may have
- ◆ How much your doctor charges
- ◆ Whether your doctor accepts assignment
- ◆ The type of facility
- ◆ Where you get your test, item, or service

### What it is

Medicare telehealth services include office visits, psychotherapy, consultations, and certain other medical or health services that are provided by an eligible provider who isn't at your location using an interactive 2-way telecommunications system (like real-time audio and video).

These services are available in rural areas, under certain conditions, but only if you're located at one of these places:

- ◆ A doctor's office
- ◆ A hospital
- ◆ A critical access hospital (CAH)