

August 7, 2020

HRSA Reimbursement to Health Care Providers for COVID-19 Testing and Treatment

Actions Requested

- **Explore the Health Resources & Services Administration reimbursement program** in order to provide COVID-19 testing and treatment to uninsured patients. Visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim> to learn more about this program.

Health care providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing or provided treatment for uninsured individuals with a COVID-19 diagnosis on or after February 4, 2020 can request claims reimbursement through the program electronically and will be reimbursed generally at Medicare rates, subject to available funding. Steps will involve: enrolling as a provider participant, checking patient eligibility, submitting patient information, submitting claims, and receiving payment via direct deposit.

Background

The Health District is aware that some individuals in our community are uninsured and need access to COVID-19 testing and/or treatment. The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Kitsap has risen substantially. 21,129 tests for COVID-19 have been performed for Kitsap County residents, 714 individuals have had a positive result and 6 Kitsap County resident deaths have been associated with COVID-19 as of August 6. With increased COVID-19 transmission in our community, it is strongly desired that no person be denied testing for lack of insurance.

Resources

- CDC COVID-19 page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>
- DOH COVID-19 page: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- KPHD COVID-19 page: <https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/CoronaVirus.php>
- Questions? Please contact our Communicable Disease staff at 360-728-2235