

COVID-19 HRSA UNINSURED PROGRAM ENDS

March 21, 2022

Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) has just been notified that The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) COVID-19 Uninsured Program will stop accepting claims for lab testing and treatment on March 22, 2022 at 11:59 pm ET.

Any uninsured test requests that are received at PDL and cannot be submitted by the March 22, 2022 cutoff will be transitioned to our standard test billing process.

We are sharing this information to ensure you are advising your uninsured patients correctly if they are obtaining COVID-19 testing.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What options are there for uninsured individuals to obtain a COVID-19 testing after wind down of the HRSA program?

Testing continues to be available from PDL with an authorized provider order. The test will be billed to the patient.

How much will a patient be billed for a COVID-19 test?

For a SARS-CoV-2 molecular nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT either by TMA or RT-PCR) the patient rate is \$139.

For a SARS-CoV-2 antibody test (either spike or total antibodies) the patient rate is \$99.

Why is the HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured program ending?

Lack of sufficient funds. As of March 11, 2022, HRSA has reimbursed more than \$20 billion in claims for the Uninsured and Coverage Assistance Fund.

Are there any other programs available to assist uninsured individuals?

HRSA lists alternative resources as follows:

- [Medicaid enrollment](#)
- [Healthcare marketplace enrollment](#)
- [COVIDtests.gov](#)
- [HRSA.gov – Find a Health Center](#)

Where can I find more information on the HRSA COVID-19 program changes?

HRSA Website:

[COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing, Treatment, and Vaccine Administration for the Uninsured | Official web site of the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration \(hrsa.gov\)](#)

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