



MedStar Family Choice Provider Alert Prior Authorization Policy for SARS COVID-19 Antibody Testing

MedStar Family Choice will approve testing for antibodies to the SARS-COVID-19 coronavirus only under the following clinical conditions:

1. Requests for testing should be forwarded along with the supporting clinical information in accordance with the MedStar Family Choice Prior Authorization Policy.
2. Only those CPT/HCPCS codes on the Maryland Medicaid Fee schedule will be available for authorization (**86328** and **86769**).
3. All outpatient testing should be directed to LabCorp, the MedStar Family Choice contracted vendor for laboratory testing. Out of network requests for antibody testing will be denied.
4. All requests will be referred to a medical director for review.
5. MedStar Family Choice will only approve antibody testing for a member who has recovered from a documented COVID-19 infection and is being evaluated as a potential donor for a convalescent serum donation.

Although antibody testing for SARS COVID-19 is now available, numerous manufacturers have produced tests of various quality. **Expert organizations such as the WHO, the CDC, the State of Maryland, and internal experts within MedStar Health do not endorse using the results of any of these tests for individual decision making.** Interpretation of current tests do not assist in clinical decision making or management. For example, a positive test does not indicate immunity.

Please contact the MedStar Family Choice Provider Relations Department at mfc-providerrelations2@medstar.net or 800-905-1722, option 5 for additional assistance.