COVID-19 Coding Update for CPT 99072

Healthfirst aims to ensure that our reimbursement policy standards are up to date and compliant with state and national industry standards. Effective immediately, Healthfirst will not reimburse for CPT code 99072.

Rationale
According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), procedure codes with a status indicator of “B” are considered bundled and will not be separately reimbursed. Payment for these covered services are always bundled into payment for other services not specified. If Relative Value Units are shown, they are not used for Medicare payment. If these services are covered, payment is included in the payment (bundled) for the services they are incident to.

Billing Information
This policy applies to the following service code:

99072: Additional supplies, materials, and clinical staff time over and above those usually included in an office visit or other non-facility service(s), when performed during a Public Health Emergency as defined by law, due to respiratory-transmitted infectious disease.

Resources
- CMS Manual System
- CMS Addendum – Proposed Payment Status Indicators

Should you have any questions, you may contact your network representative, or call Provider Services at 1-888-801-1660, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.