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UPDATED MEMORANDUM (DMS-48)

To: Medicaid Providers
From: Division of Medical Services (DMS)
Date: December 17, 2020
Re: Coverage of COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Arkansas and consistent with CMS's coverage and payment for COVID-19 testing and treatment, the Division of Medical Services (DMS) is covering administration of monoclonal antibodies.

DMS will cover the administration of the following monoclonal antibodies in accordance with the terms set out in this memorandum. These codes will be turned on December 22, 2020.

CPT Code	Short Description	Rate	Effective Date
Q0239	BAMLANIVIMAB-XXXX	\$0.01	November 9, 2020
M0239	BAMLANIVIMAB-XXXX INFUSION	\$309.60	November 9, 2020
Q0243	CASIRIVIMAB AND IMDEVIMAB	\$0.01	November 21, 2020
M0243	CASIRI AND IMBDEVI INFUSION	\$309.60	November 21, 2020

The patient must have a COVID-19 diagnosis and be considered at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) issued an updated Health Alert through the Health Alert Network (HAN) on November 25, 2020, that outlines the criteria and limitations on use of these monoclonal antibodies. DMS will follow the criteria and limitations outlined in that ADH alert and by the FDA in their Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for the above listed drugs, which can be found here:

EUA for Bamlanivimab - <https://www.fda.gov/media/143603/download>
Patient Fact Sheet - <https://www.fda.gov/media/143604/download>
FDA Frequently Asked Questions - <https://www.fda.gov/media/143605/download>

EUA for Casirivimab and Imdevimab - <https://www.fda.gov/media/143892/download>
Patient Fact Sheet - <https://www.fda.gov/media/143893/download>
FDA Frequently Asked Questions - <https://www.fda.gov/media/143894/download>

To ensure quality and consistency of care to Medicaid beneficiaries, DMS will coordinate with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) to conduct retrospective reviews and audits of all services provided during this time. Please keep all records of services as required by Medicaid billing rules.