

IHANS Notification for Healthcare Providers, MLTC Plans, Managed Care Organizations, Home Care Agencies, Hospices and Local Health Departments

Reimbursement and Training for In-Home Testing for COVID-19

Administrators, DPS, HPN Coordinator, MLTC Program Directors, MCOs, Local Health Departments

DOH has developed and posted guidance for reimbursement for in-home specimen collection by home health agencies and hospices for COVID-19. All testing must be medically ordered.

Guidance for reimbursement for testing is available at:

https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/covid19/docs/2020-10-23_guidance_for_specimen_collection.pdf

Training to test for COVID-19 is available at **no charge through December** to healthcare providers, MLTC Programs, Managed Care Organizations, Hospice clinicians and any other healthcare providers or agencies whose clients may need testing. Under a grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, the Home Care Association of New York State (HCA), Iroquois Healthcare Alliance (IHA) and clinical faculty at the Mohawk Valley Health System are delivering web-based training for healthcare personnel and agencies on COVID-19 testing procedures that can be conducted in clients' homes. This complimentary training is open to all home care personnel and other healthcare personnel and agencies in New York State whose scope of practice permits testing (i.e., nurses and respiratory therapists).

Access to information on the testing program and details as to how to participate can be found at: <https://hca-nys.org/testing>