Results from the SARS-CoV-2 serology tests that have flooded the market should not be used to make decisions by individuals, such as whether to end physical distancing.

That warning is part of new guidance from the AMA on serological testing for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies that outlines three major limitations to the tests that physicians must understand to properly order them and interpret their results.
CMS Announces Changes to Medicare Advantage and Part D to Provide Better Coverage and Increase Access for Medicare Beneficiaries

On Friday, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services finalized requirements that will increase access to telehealth for seniors in Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, expand the types of supplemental benefits available for beneficiaries with an MA plan who have chronic diseases, provide support for more MA options for beneficiaries in rural communities, and expand access to MA for patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Together, the changes advance President Trump’s Executive Orders on Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation’s Seniors and Advancing American Kidney Health as well as several of the CMS strategic initiatives.

CMS Addresses Physician Concerns on CARES Act Fund Distribution
Certain formulas that were previously on the HHS website led some physicians to believe they may have received more money from this fund than they were supposed to and they were worried that it will be recouped by HHS.

View the AMA Advocacy Update Here
COVID-19 QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS & EARN CME.

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