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Dear Optum360 2020 *Current Procedural Coding* Customer:

The American Medical Association (AMA) has issued the following updates in reference to COVID-19. At the March 2020 special AMA Editorial Panel Meeting, CPT® code 87635 was added to the code set. At the April 2020 special AMA Editorial Panel Meeting, CPT codes 86328 and 86769 were added to the code set, and 86318 was revised to become the parent code for 86328.

Additional information on the update can be found at <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/covid-19-coding-and-guidance>. There are additional links on this page for special CPT® Assistant guidance. Thank you for your patience and support of our ongoing efforts to deliver quality products. We value you as an Optum360 customer.

Sincerely,

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The following are changes effective March 13, 2020:

**New Codes**

87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique

The following are changes effective April 10, 2020:

**New Codes**

#86328 Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

*Note: #86328 is a resequenced code following code 86318*

86769 Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

**Revised Code**

86318 Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip);