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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 August 2020 special AMA Editorial Panel Meeting, CPT codes 86408, 86409, 0225U, and 0226U were added to the code set.

Additional information on the update can be found at https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/covid-19-coding-and-guidance. On this same AMA website page is an additional link for CPT® Assistant guidance.

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Sincerely,

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The following are changes effective August 10, 2020:

**New Codes**

- #86408 Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); screen

- #86409 Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); titer
  
  Note: #86408 and #86409 are resequenced codes following code 86352

- 0225U Infectious disease (bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection) pathogen-specific DNA and RNA, 21 targets, including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), amplified probe technique, including multiplex reverse transcription for RNA targets, each analyte reported as detected or not detected

- 0226U Surrogate viral neutralization test (sVNT), severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), ELISA, plasma, serum