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Dear Optum360 2020 *Current Procedural Coding Expert* Customer:

The American Medical Association (AMA) has issued the following update in reference to COVID-19. At the March 2020 AMA Editorial Panel meeting, CPT® code 87635 was added to the code set.

Included below is the new code that can be marked in your book. Our customer service team is available should there be any questions, by calling 1.800.464.3649, option 1.

Additional information on the update can be found at <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/cpt-releases-new-coronavirus-covid-19-code-description-testing>. There is an additional link on this page for 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