

Optum360 Coding for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Optum360 is providing the following overview and industry guidance of coding changes for the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

ICD-10-CM Code(s)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), the federal agency responsible for use of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) in the United States, will be implementing the following ICD-10-CM code effective April, 1 2020:

U07.1 COVID-19

Official addenda and/or guideline information is expected to be posted later this week. We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.

Until April 1, 2020, when this new code becomes effective, the interim coding advice provided by the CDC should be followed.

New HCPCS Level II Codes

Two new HCPCS Level II codes were created for coronavirus testing, effective April 1, 2020, for dates of service starting February 4, 2020.

U0001 CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel

For tests developed only by the CDC (reporting allows CDC testing laboratories to test new patients and track new cases).

U0002 2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC

For laboratories performing non-CDC testing.

New CPT[®] Code

One new CPT[®] code was created for reporting coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) COVID-19 testing, effective March 13, 2020.

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

*A HCPCS code and CPT[®] code should **not** be reported together. Providers should contact third-party payer(s) for reporting either a CPT[®] or a HCPCS code, as well as for retroactive billing and reimbursement guidelines.*

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