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COVID-19: NEW CODES AND CMS REINSTATES PTP EDITS

AMA COVID-19 NEW CODE UPDATES

The American Medical Association (AMA) announced an update to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) that includes two new COVID-19 codes, effective **September 8, 2020**.

Code	Long Description	Short Description
86413	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) antibody, quantitative.20	SARS-COV-2 ANTB QUANTITATIVE
99072	Additional supplies, materials, and clinical staff time over and above those usually included in an office visit or other non-facility service(s), when performed during a Public Health Emergency as defined by law, due to respiratory-transmitted infectious disease.	ADDL SUPL MATRL&STAF TM PHE

CMS SUSPENDED CODES AND DELETED EDITS REINSTATED BY CMS

CMS updated the Practitioner and Outpatient NCCI Quarterly PTP files for Q4 2020.

In response to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), the codes CMS had previously identified as “temporarily suspended” effective for December 31, 2020 are reinstated effective **October 1, 2020**.

The code pairs include the services such as those listed below:

- Emergency Department Visits, Levels 1-5
- Domiciliary, Rest Home, or Custodial Care services, New and Established patients, All levels
- Home Visits, New and Established Patient, All levels
- Care Planning for Patients with Cognitive Impairment
- Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing
- Therapy Services, Physical and Occupational Therapy, All levels
- Other services such as Venipuncture, Burn treatments, Stereotactic radiation treatment management, Injections of diagnostic/therapeutic substances lumbar or sacral

The links to the CMS MUE and PTP quarterly changes are below:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/MUE>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/NCCI-Coding-Edits>

The link to the National Medicaid CCI and MUE changes are below:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/Version_Update_Changes

For more information regarding this change, please contact your local Provider Engagement Representative or call Provider Services at 713-295-2295 for Medicaid/STAR, 713-295-6704 for Marketplace or 713-295-5007 for HMO D-SNP.