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Medicare Telehealth Coding as of April 30

Healthcare providers are granted even more latitude for use of telehealth services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. [Learn More »](#)

COVID-19 Specimen Collection Codes

Clinical diagnostic laboratories can identify specimen collection for COVID-19 testing using two new HCPCS Level II codes, effective March 1, 2020. [Learn More »](#)

New COVID-19 Testing Codes

During an emergency meeting in response to the COVID-19 crisis, the American Medical Association (AMA) convened the CPT® Editorial Panel to approve a new pair of Category 1 CPT® codes. These two new codes are effective immediately, according to the AMA. [Learn More »](#)

Coding High-Throughput COVID-19 Testing

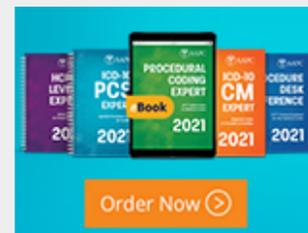
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) created two new HCPCS Level II codes for lab tests that use high-throughput technologies to detect SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The rate for these codes is \$100, roughly [twice the rate](#) of similar tests that don't use high-throughput technologies. [Learn More »](#)

Waive Cost Sharing on Applicable Claims Using Modifier CS

The implementation of the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) waives cost-sharing (coinsurance and deductibles) for COVID-19 testing-related services. The Act is a bit convoluted (as most Acts are) so the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) breaks down what it all means for Medicare Part B claims in a special edition of MLN Connects, released on April 7. [Learn More »](#)

Get the Most Out of New ICD-10-CM Addenda and Guideline Updates

On April 1, 2020, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) formally issued updates to the ICD-10-CM Tabular List of Diseases and Injuries and the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, respectively. These updates will offer some essential collective guidance on COVID-19 coding and reporting for the extent of this public health emergency (PHE). [Learn More »](#)



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