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CPT 2020 and CPT 2021: Catch a Glimpse

A summary of the CPT® Editorial Panel's actions during its February 2019 meeting offers us a glimpse of changes to come for the CPT 2020 and 2021. Perhaps the biggest news are approved revisions to office and outpatient E/M codes 99201-99215, scheduled for 2021 implementation, covered here. [Learn More »](#)



21 New HCPCS Level II Codes for April

Medical coders who code pass-through drugs or home health have 21 new HCPCS Level II codes to use, effective April 1, 2019. The new codes include drugs for migraines, to initiate blood-clotting in patients on certain coagulants, chronic and hairy cell leukemia, and folic acid for chemotherapy patients. [Learn More »](#)



April Showers Bring Outpatient Coding Changes

In addition to April updates to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), providers billing under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) should be aware of four new CPT codes, a new advanced diagnostic laboratory test, additions to the Comprehensive APC exclusion list, several new drug codes, and more. [Learn More »](#)

Tip Sheet: Transition Coding and Reimbursement

Got Transition™ and the American Academy of Pediatrics have released the new **2019 Transition Coding and Reimbursement Tip Sheet** which supports the delivery of recommended transition services in pediatric and adult primary and specialty care settings. [Learn More »](#)

New ICD-10-CM Codes Will Allow You to Report Social Determinants of Health

Healthcare practitioners may soon have 23 new ICD-10-CM codes to use for reporting social and environmental factors that affect their patients' health. The American Medical Association (AMA) and UnitedHealthcare say they are collaborating to standardize data collection on the social determinants of health. [Learn More »](#)

Update Your CPT 2019 Code Book with the Latest Additions and Revisions

Get out your 2019 CPT® code books. You have some code changes to make. Effective July 1, 2019, the American Medical Association (AMA) is adding 21 new lab codes and deleting one in Appendix O, Multianalyte Assays with Algorithmic Analyses and Proprietary Laboratory Analyses. [Learn More »](#)

5 Ways Checklists Help You Code Better

Coding can be – as the saying goes – more complicated than rocket science. Not only are you translating a provider's impressions, judgments, actions into reportable ICD-10, CPT, and HCPCS Level II codes, you're adding to a patient's lifetime record. Here are five reasons adopting checklists can help you improve your medical coding accuracy and reimbursement. [Learn More »](#)

Too Many Medical Coding Books, Not Enough Space

Every year you invest in a new set of code books. After a few years in this field, you've accumulated enough CPT®, ICD-10, and HCPCS Level II books to fill up an entire row of shelf space. What do you do with all those accumulating tomes? We posted this question on the AAPC Facebook page to see what other coding professionals do. [Learn More »](#)

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