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# Information You Need

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## 12 New Codes to Identify Therapeutics

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented 12 new ICD-10-PCS codes to allow Medicare and other insurers to identify the use of the therapeutics Remdesivir and Convalescent plasma for treating hospital inpatients with coronavirus (COVID-19). [Learn More »](#)

## New CLIA Waived Tests Effective October 1, 2020

There are five newly-added waived complexity tests under the Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments of 1988 (CLIA). These tests go into effect Oct. 1 and will be implemented by Medicare Administrative Contractors by Oct. 5. [Learn More »](#)

## Sneak a Peek at ICD-10-CM 2021

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released on July 1 the ICD-10-CM code descriptions, tables and index, and addendum for fiscal year 2021. There are 490 additions, 58 deletions, and 47 revisions — increasing the code set from 72,184 to 72,616 diagnoses. ICD-10-CM 2021 goes into effect Oct. 1, 2020. [Learn More »](#)

## Get Paid for COVID-19 Testing/Treatment of Uninsured

Congress has passed various legislation this year that allows the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to reimburse providers for COVID-19-related services furnished to the uninsured. Providers who conduct COVID-19 testing or provide treatment for uninsured patients with a COVID-19 diagnosis on or after Feb. 4, 2020, can e-file claims for reimbursement via the COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal. [Learn More »](#)

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