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Information You Need

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New COVID-19 Test Codes Effective Immediately

Just when you thought you had all the COVID-19 coding for laboratory testing figured out — hold the phone — there are three new CPT® codes. These newest codes are effective June 25, 2020. [Learn More »](#)

July 2020 ASC Payment System Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the July 2020 update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System (ASC PS) last month. Providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services subject to the ASC PS need to be aware of the changes to and billing instructions for various payment policies implemented in the July 2020 ASC PS update. [Learn More »](#)

New Code for Alternative Care Sites

A new Point of Origin (PoO) code has been created for reporting patient transfers from a designated disaster alternative care site (ACS). The new PoO was necessary to align with the Discharge Status Code for ACSs, DS code 69, created in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). [Learn More »](#)

Is There an NCCI Edit for Those Codes?

Medicare revises its National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits on a quarterly basis. As a medical coder, not only must you keep up with these updates to ensure correct coding, but you need to know how to read the edit files. Here are a few tips that will help you stay on top of practitioner procedure-to-procedure (PTP) edits. [Learn More »](#)

Explore 2020 Cardiovascular System Code Changes

During these uncertain times, it's necessary to keep ourselves engaged in activities that help relieve stress and anxiety. And what's better than learning? There are several 2020 CPT® code changes for the cardiovascular (CV) system; in the Category I section alone, there are 11 new codes, eight deletions, and two revisions. This article will help you to either explore cardiovascular coding or update your coding know-how for this specialty. [Learn More »](#)



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