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## Reporting COVID-19 Vaccination Status in 2022

Three new diagnosis codes for reporting COVID-19 vaccination status will go into effect April 1, 2022. The codes were presented by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at the Sept. 14-15, ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting, so they are not listed in the 2022 ICD-10-CM code book. The new ICD-10-CM codes for reporting COVID-19 vaccination status are...

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## Don't Choke Over New Cough Codes

Documenting and coding coughs is much more complicated in 2022.

Remember the days when a cough was just a cough, coded simply with ICD-10-CM code R05? Those days are over. Effective Oct. 1, 2021, there are new codes added to Chapter 18:

Symptoms, signs, and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00-R99) in the *2022 ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting* that every medical coder should commit to memory.

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## Medical Coding News in November

There are plenty of coding updates in November, including those made to certain Medicare policies. Payment thresholds for physical, occupational, and speech-language pathology are also posted for the 2022 calendar year, as are Medicare cost sharing amounts. And HCPCS Level II code set updates went into effect Oct. 1; take a minute to review the code changes.

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## Learn More About 2022 HCPCS Level II Code Changes

Learn More About 2022 HCPCS Level II Code Changes; in the first quarter of 2022, the HCPCS Level II code set will get a refresh with several new, revised, and deleted codes. According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), there are:

- 155 new codes,
- 63 revised codes, and
- 48 deleted codes.

Medical coders and billers: Familiarize yourself now with these code changes so you're ready when your organization's coding and billing software updates Jan. 1, 2022.

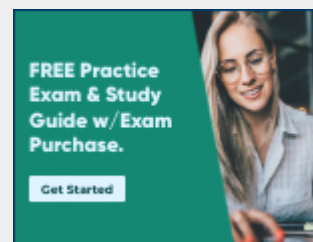
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