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## New ICD-10-CM code for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Effective April 1, 2020

This guidance is being issued to supplement the guidance issued on March 17, 2020 through Provider Quick Tip # 228, available [here](#).

On March 11, 2020 the Novel Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. On March 13, 2020 a national emergency was declared in the United States concerning the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Because of these developments, and the urgent need to capture the reporting of this condition in our nation's claims and surveillance data, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the National Emergencies Act Section 201 and 301, announced a change in the effective date of new diagnosis code U07.1, COVID-19, from October 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020. This off-cycle update is unprecedented and is an exception to the code set updating process established under HIPAA.

As a result of the CDC's announcement, providers should use the new diagnosis code U07.1, COVID-19, beginning April 1, 2020.

This announcement is an update to the CDC's [official diagnosis coding guidance](#) issued on February 20, 2020, and subsequent [interim coding guidance](#) issued for health care encounters related to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) previously named 2019-nCoV.

This guidance is intended to be used in conjunction with the current ICD-10-CM classification and the [ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting \(effective October 1, 2019\)](#) and will be updated to reflect new clinical information as it becomes available.

Additional information is also available on the [CDC website](#) and through [CMS](#).

Information on MA Program coverage related to COVID-19, to include an FAQ document, can be found on the Department of Human Services website [here](#).

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a dedicated page for COVID-19 that provides regular updates. Click [here](#) for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19.

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