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ICD-10 CODES-COVID 19 ~ NEW 1/1/21

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (CDC/NCHS) is implementing additional codes into the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for reporting to include:

- Encounter for screening for COVID-19 (Z11.52)
- Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19 (Z20.822). **Unacceptable principal diagnosis per Medicare Code Edits (MCE)**
- Personal history of COVID-19 (Z86.16)
- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS) (M35.81)
- Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue (M35.89)
- Pneumonia due to coronavirus disease 2019 (J12.82)

Official Coding and Reporting Guidelines

Code only a confirmed diagnosis of the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as documented by the provider, documentation of a positive COVID-19 test result, or a presumptive positive COVID-19 test result. For a confirmed diagnosis, assign code U07.1, COVID-19.

If the provider documents "suspected," "possible," "probable," or "inconclusive" COVID-19, do not assign code U07.1. Assign a code(s) explaining the reason for encounter (such as fever) or Z20.822, Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases.

Sequencing of codes

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When COVID-19 meets the definition of principal diagnosis, code U07.1, COVID-19, should be sequenced first, followed by the appropriate codes for associated manifestations, except in the case of obstetrics

COVID-19 infection in pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium

During pregnancy, childbirth or the puerperium, a patient admitted (or presenting for a health care encounter) because of COVID-19 should receive a principal diagnosis code of O98.5-, Other viral diseases complicating pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium, followed by code U07.1, COVID-19, and the appropriate codes for associated manifestation(s).

Guidance on coding MIS-C

For individuals with MIS and COVID-19, assign code U07.1 *COVID-19* as the principal/first-listed diagnosis. Report code M35.81 *Multisystem inflammatory syndrome* as an additional diagnosis.

In cases where MIS develops as a result of a previous COVID-19 infection, assign codes M35.81 and B94.8 *Sequelae of other specified infectious and parasitic diseases*.

If an individual with a history of COVID-19 develops MIS and the provider does not indicate the MIS is due to the previous COVID-19 infection, assign codes M35.81 and Z86.16 *Personal history of COVID-19*.

If an individual with a known or suspected exposure to COVID-19, and no current COVID-19 infection or history of COVID-19, develops MIS, assign codes M35.81 and Z20.822 *Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19*