

COVID-19 Billing Tip Sheet

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REMINDER TO PROVIDERS

- COVID-19 Test Orders must be submitted with an appropriate ICD-10 code for insurance billing.
- Coding and overall assignment of patient’s diagnosis is the responsibility of the provider.
- Please include the following information on the test order: *patient first and last names, date of service, date of birth, gender, patient address*

KEY UPDATES

- The Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA) COVID-19 Uninsured Program will no longer accept test claims after March 22, 2022.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics (CDC/NCHS) implemented additional ICD-10 codes for COVID-19 (*published in CMS ICD-10-CD Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting effective October 1, 2020*). Code **Z20.822** is available for COVID-19 testing. This replaces Z20.828 effective January 1, 2021.
 - ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines are on the following website: [2022 ICD-10-CM | CMS](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/policies/2020s/icd10cm/2020-icd10cm-official-guidelines)
 - AHA FAQ are on the following website: <https://www.codingclinicadvisor.com/faqs-icd-10-cm-coding-covid-19> (Questions 38 & 39 COVID-19 testing)

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Insured Patient	ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
Exposure to COVID-19/COVID-19 testing For <i>asymptomatic individuals</i> with actual or suspected exposure to COVID-19 or Exposure to COVID-19/COVID-19 testing For <i>symptomatic individuals</i> with actual or suspected exposure to COVID-19 and the infection has been ruled out, or test results are inconclusive or unknown	Z20.822	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19
Pre-operative testing COVID-19 screening	Z01.812* Z20.822†	*Patient encounter for pre-procedural laboratory examination (list first) †Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19
Encounter for antibody testing	Z01.84	Encounter for antibody response examination for an encounter for antibody testing that is not being performed to confirm a current COVID-19 infection, nor is a follow-up test after resolution.
Uninsured Patient		
If the patient is confirmed to have no insurance coverage, the patient will be billed.		

Note: This information is being provided as a quick reference only. Coding and overall assignment of patient’s diagnosis is the responsibility of the provider. As changes with COVID-19 occur frequently, it is recommended that codes are verified against official publications.