

## **COVID-19 Coding Update**

- The CDC has issued an ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines Supplement document to provide instruction on coding encounters related to the Coronavirus Outbreak. There is also a new code for COVID-19, U07.1, that will be effective with 4/1/2020 discharges.
- Provider documentation must include: 1) Confirmed positive test of COVID-19, 2) Link any associated respiratory conditions, 3) Identify the infection was present on admission, 4) Document comorbidities such as respiratory failure, ARDS, COPD exacerbation, PNA, CHF, MI, etc.
- U07.1 COVID-19           **This code is classified as an MCC**

Use additional code to identify pneumonia or other manifestations

Excludes 1: Coronavirus infection, unspecified B34.2

Coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere B97.2-

Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus J12.81

- Coding tips for before 4/1/20 and after 4/1/20:

Prior to April 1, 2020	On April 1, 2020
<b>Pneumonia confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> J12.89 other viral pneumonia B97.29 other Coronavirus as cause of diseases classified elsewhere	<b>Pneumonia confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> U07.1 COVID-19 J12.89 Other viral pneumonia
<b>Acute bronchitis confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> J20.8 Acute bronchitis B97.29 other Coronavirus as cause of diseases classified elsewhere	<b>Acute Bronchitis confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> U07.1 COVID-19 J20.8 Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms.
<b>Unspecified Bronchitis confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> J40 bronchitis not specified as acute/chronic B97.29 other Coronavirus as cause of diseases classified elsewhere.	<b>Unspecified Bronchitis confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> U07.1 COVID-19 J40 Bronchitis not specified as acute or chronic
<b>Acute or lower respiratory infection confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> J22 unspecified acute lower respiratory infection B97.29 other Coronavirus as cause of diseases classified elsewhere	<b>Acute or lower respiratory infection confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> U07.1 COVID-19 J22 Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
<b>Respiratory infection NOS confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> J98.8 other specified respiratory disorder B97.29 other Coronavirus as cause of diseases classified elsewhere	<b>Respiratory infection NOS confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> U07.1 COVID-19 J98.8 other specified respiratory disorder
<b>ARDS confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> J80 acute respiratory distress syndrome B97.29 other Coronavirus as cause of diseases classified elsewhere	<b>ARDS confirmed as due to COVID-19:</b> U07.1 COVID-19 J80 acute respiratory distress syndrome
<b>Possible exposure to COVID-19, ruled out after evaluation</b> Z03.818 Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents, ruled out	<b>Possible exposure to COVID-19, ruled out after evaluation</b> Z03.818 Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents, ruled out
<b>Exposure to COVID-19 not ruled out (exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19):</b> Z20.828 contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases	<b>Exposure to COVID-19 not ruled out (exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19):</b> Z20.828 contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases
<b>Signs/Symptoms:</b> If a definitive diagnosis has not been established, code only the signs and symptoms, i.e. cough, shortness of breath, fever, etc.	<b>Signs/Symptoms:</b> If a definitive diagnosis has not been established, code only the signs and symptoms, i.e. cough, shortness of breath, fever, etc.
<b>Suspected/possible/probable COVID-19:</b> Do not code B97.29. Use signs/symptoms or Z20.828	<b>Suspected/possible/probable COVID-19:</b> Do not use U07.1. Use signs/symptoms or Z20.828

- Do not code B34.2 Coronavirus infection, unspecified, for COVID-19, as this is documented to be a *respiratory* condition.

It is important to remember that COVID-19 is a Coronavirus, but not all Coronaviruses are COVID-19.