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CMS has created two new COVID-19 specific codes:

New CPT Coding to report COVID-19 testing

AMA has created a new category I Pathology and Laboratory code (87635) for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-2-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) accepted at the March 2020 CPT Editorial Panel meeting. This code is effective March 13, 2020 and will be published in the CY2021 AMA CPT Guide.

Descriptor - 87635 - Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique.

Source: <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2020-03/coronavirus-long-descriptors.pdf>

New ICD-10 Code to report suspected COVID-19

An emergency ICD-10 code of U07.1 - 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease

- For suspected COVID-19, not confirmed or ruled out at the encounter, report codes for the presenting signs and symptoms.
- Do not report a code for coronavirus when this diagnosis is not stated in the medical record
- Possible associated diagnosis codes:
 - J12.89: Other viral pneumonia
 - B97.29: Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere
 - Z20.828: Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable disease
 - Z03.818: Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out

Source - <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/Announcement-New-ICD-code-for-coronavirus-20-2020.pdf>