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Information You Need

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CPT 2021 Update: New Lab, Category III Codes

CPT® 2021 code updates for quarters 2 and 3 have been released by the American Medical Association (AMA). The new, revised, and deleted codes will be updated in [Codify by AAPC](#) as the changes go into effect. Make sure your practice updates other coding resources such as the [CPT® 2021 code book](#) and electronic health record system software. [Learn More »](#)

AMA Releases COVID-19 Vaccine Code for Janssen

A fourth [COVID-19](#) vaccine code has been released by the American Medical Association's CPT® Editorial Panel, along with a proprietary administration code. The AMA released on Jan. 19, 2021, CPT® code **91303** *Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10¹⁰ viral particles/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use.* [Learn More »](#)

2021 ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines Get a Refresh

Several changes have been recently made to the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting for fiscal year (FY) 2021. The guidelines changes affect code assignment for conditions and symptoms related to COVID-19. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the updates in December 2020. Familiarize yourself with the following new and revised guidance to ensure proper diagnosis coding and reporting. [Learn More »](#)

eCQMs and Telehealth

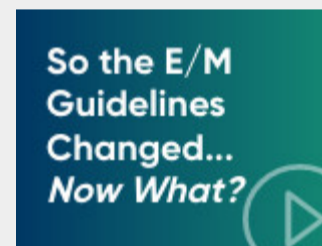
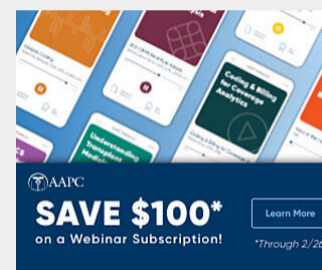
Which electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) include telehealth-eligible encounter codes, and which do not? Guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) identifies the eCQMs that eligible clinicians may report for the [Merit-Based Incentive Payment System](#) (MIPS) 2021 performance period to receive credit, even if the encounters are not in person. [Learn More »](#)

Understand and Implement New Cardiology Coding Practices

Advancements spurred by innovation, new technology, and expansion of digital medicine services within the cardiology specialty have increased access to healthcare and, in turn, have resulted in improved health outcomes for patients across the country. The 2021 CPT® code set includes expansion for these new technology services, not only in the Category I section but also in the Category III section of the code book. [Learn More »](#)

Focus on G Codes for Medicare

The first quarter update to the HCPCS Level II code set includes 83 new codes, 76 revised codes, and 174 deleted codes. The majority of movement in the HCPCS Level II update for 2021 involves the G codes, Procedures & Professional Services. [Learn More »](#)



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