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Information You Need

Exclusive for AAPC Book and AAPC Coder Purchasers

New Vaping Coding Guidance Released

Official diagnosis coding guidance for 2019 healthcare encounters and deaths associated with e-cigarette, or vaping, product use associated lung injury (EVALI) was released Oct. 17. Until we have more specific codes, we are instructed to “Assign as many codes, as appropriate.” [Learn More »](#)

Where Did the Codes Go in Local Coverage Determinations?

Wondering where all the ICD-10-CM, CPT, HCPCS Level II, Bill Type, and Revenue codes disappeared to in local coverage determinations (LCDs)? A provision of the 21st Century Cures Act required codes to be removed from LCDs and communicated through local coverage articles. [Learn More »](#)

Coding CAR-T: Case Scenarios

Recently established coverage of the revolutionary cancer therapy Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR T-cell) provides Medicare patients with access to this cutting-edge treatment. [Learn More »](#)

Add These OIG Watch Items to Your Audit List

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is updating its Work Plan this month with new watch items that pertain to Medicare. At press time, there were five additional items the OIG intends to pursue in 2020. [Learn More »](#)

