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The off-cycle release of a new code for COVID-19

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) disease outbreak a public health emergency. On February 11, 2020, WHO announced the official name of the virus and an off-cycle release of a new ICD-10-CM code —**U07.1, COVID-19**—that may be used for patients admitted or discharged on or after April 1, 2020. (For cases related to COVID-19 prior to April 1, 2020, refer to the *ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines* for cases related to the coronavirus outbreak.) Consistent with this WHO update to the ICD-10 code set, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (CDC/NCHS) will implement a new diagnosis code into the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for reporting, effective with the next update on October 1, 2020.

ICD code U07.1, COVID-19, has been added to the UDS-PROi[®] software as part of the new ICD-10-CM data files that were included in the CMG grouper released by CMS on April 8, 2020. The code has been added as a tier 3 (D) comorbidity without any noted RIC exclusions and can be used for patients discharged on or after April 1, 2020. If you have already entered this code for any cases prior to the code's inclusion in the UDS-PROi[®] software, you may notice that those cases' CMGs have been recalculated to show the correct tier based on the use of this code as a tier D comorbid condition.

For more information, click [here](#) for the latest updates from CDC and [here](#) for the latest information from AHIMA. For assistance with coding the IRF-PAI and the UB-04, please contact our ICD-10 help desk at ICD-10help@udsmr.org or our clinical help desk at clinicalsupport@udsmr.org.

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