

COVID-Related Coding Changes to the Prioritized List

Consistent with the Commission's approval at the March 12, 2020, HERC meeting, HERC staff has made necessary changes to the 3/13/2020 Prioritized List to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. These changes include:

- Renaming Line 399 as INFLUENZA, NOVEL RESPIRATORY VIRUSES
- Adding ICD-10-CM U07.1, COVID-19, to Line 399
- Moving J12.81, Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus, and related diagnoses from Line 304 VIRAL PNEUMONIA to Line 399
- Updating Health Behavior Assessment CPT codes in Guideline Note A5 (erratum correcting obsolete codes)

In order to preserve transparency and clarity, the Change Log entries are provided in chronological order:

- 3/23/2020: In Guideline Note A5 TELECONSULTATIONS AND ELECTRONIC/TELEPHONIC SERVICES, staff corrected the Health Behavior Assessment/Intervention codes (previously listed CPT codes 96150-96154 have been replaced with CPT 96171)
- 3/30/2020: Removed J12.81 from line 304 VIRAL PNEUMONIA and removed B97.29 OTHER VIRAL INFECTIONS from line 615.
- Added ICD-10-CM U07.1 (COVID-19), J12.81 (Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus) and B97.29 (other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere) to Line 399 and renamed that line INFLUENZA, NOVEL RESPIRATORY VIRUSES.
- Added footnotes with links to federal and state resources about telehealth to Guideline Note A5 TELECONSULTATIONS AND ELECTRONIC/TELEPHONIC SERVICES.
- 4/3/2020: Revised guideline note A5 was posted with additional clarity on telehealth coverage, especially specific information related to the COVID-19 emergency.
- Revised Guideline Note A5 to incorporate footnotes into the body of the guideline text.
- 4/8/2020: J12.81 (Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus) and B97.29 (other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere) were added to Line 399