

Quickly find the new COVID-19 codes & associated guidance

February 2021

Jan. 1 code additions

Code	Descriptor	Primary	Comorbidity
J12.82	Pneumonia due to coronavirus disease 2019		
M35.81	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome	\$P	
M35.89	Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue	\$P	
Z11.52	Encounter for screening for COVID-19	\$P	
Z20.822	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19	\$P	
Z86.16	Personal history of COVID-19		

- M35.81 & M35.89 belong to the Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation primary diagnosis clinical group
- Z11.52 belongs to the MMTA – Other primary diagnosis clinical group. However, current ICD-10-CM coding guidelines state that because the pandemic is ongoing, *“a screening code is generally not appropriate. Do not assign code Z11.52 (Encounter for screening for COVID-19). For encounters for COVID-19 testing, including preoperative testing, code as exposure to COVID-19.”* [Z20.822]
- Z20.822 belongs to MMTA – Infectious Disease, Neoplasms ... primary diagnosis clinical group
- J12.82 belongs to the Respiratory 2 comorbidity group, which does NOT qualify for an adjustment

January 2021 Data

Dx Code	Description	Primary	Secondary	Total
U07.1	COVID-19	51,718	11,818	63,536
J12.82	Pneumonia due to coronavirus disease 2019	69	27,011	27,080
M35.81	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome	9	29	38
M35.89	Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue	6	10	16
Z11.52	Encounter for screening for COVID-19	9*	98	107
Z20.822	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19	54	312	366
Z86.16	Personal history of COVID-19	34	1,863	1,897

Source: Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP) data on starts of care (SOC) and resumptions of care (ROC) for Jan. 2021

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