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ForwardHealth Is Implementing Two New Diagnosis Codes Effective April 1, 2020

Diagnosis Code U07.1 (COVID-19) Available for Claims Submission as of April 1, 2020

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus disease, also known as COVID-19, a pandemic. The United States declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak on March 13, 2020. Because of the urgent need to capture reporting of this condition in the United States' claims and surveillance data, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is announcing that the effective date of the new International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) diagnosis code U07.1 (COVID-19) is now **April 1, 2020**. This change is being made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under the National Emergencies Act, §§ 201 and 301.

This off-cycle update is unprecedented and an exception to the code-setting process established by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

ForwardHealth is complying with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and implementing diagnosis code U07.1, making it available for claim submissions for dates of service on and after April 1, 2020.

Diagnosis Code U07.0 (Vaping-Related Disorder) Available for Claims Submission as of April 1, 2020

The new diagnosis code U07.0 (Vaping-related disorder) was established in response to the recent occurrences of vaping-related disorders. Diagnosis code U07.0 is effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2020.