COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Coding Updates

**HCPCS coding:**
Healthcare providers who need to test patients for Coronavirus using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2019 Novel Coronavirus Real Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Test Panel may bill for that test using the newly created HCPCS code (U0001).

**ICD-10 Coding:**

*Pneumonia*
J12.89  Other viral pneumonia (pneumonia confirmed as due to the COVID-19 virus)
B97.29  Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

*Bronchitis*
J20.8   Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms (for confirmed case due to COVID-19), and
B97.29  Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere
J40     Bronchitis not otherwise specified (NOS) due to the COVID-19. Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic, and
B97.29  Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

*Lower Respiratory Infection*
If COVID-19 is documented as being associated with lower respiratory infection, not otherwise specified, or an acute respiratory infection, please use following:
J22     lower respiratory infection, not otherwise specified (NOS), or an acute respiratory infection, NOS
B97.29  Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere. (Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection)

If the COVID-19 is documented as being associated with a respiratory infection, NOS, please use the following:
J98.8   Other specified respiratory disorders
B97.29  Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere. (Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection)

*Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome- codes used concurrently*
J80     Acute respiratory distress syndrome
B97.29  Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere. (Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection)

*ARDS*
Cases with ARDS due to COVID-19 should be assigned the codes J80, Acute respiratory distress syndrome, and B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

*Exposure to COVID-19*
For cases where there is a concern about a possible exposure to COVID-19, but this is ruled out after evaluation, assign the code Z03.818, Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out.
For cases where there is an actual exposure to someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19, it would be appropriate to assign the code Z20.828, Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases.