



Update to the Home Health Grouper for New Diagnosis Code for Vaping Related Disorder and COVID-19

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11656 updates the version of the Home Health Grouper software used in Original Medicare claims processing. The new version includes the diagnosis code (U07.0) recently created for vaping related disorder and the new diagnosis code for COVID-19 (U07.1). Both codes are effective April 1, 2020. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of the update.

BACKGROUND

In response to recent occurrences of vaping related disorders, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (CDC/NCHS) is implementing a new diagnosis code into the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for reporting vaping-related disorder effective April 1, 2020.

On March 11, 2020, the Novel Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. On March 13, 2020, a national emergency was declared in the United States concerning the COVID-19 Outbreak. Given these developments, and the urgent need to capture the reporting of this condition in our nation's claims and surveillance data, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), under the National Emergencies Act, Section 201 and 301, announced a change in the effective date of new diagnosis code U07.1, COVID-19, from October 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020. Code U07.1 will correspond to the clinical grouping MMTA,

Respiratory, and will receive the low comorbidity adjustment.

The Grouper Contractor, 3M Health Information Systems (3M-HIS), developed the new HH Grouper, Version 01.1.20, software package to accommodate this new code, effective for claim From dates on or after April 1, 2020. The HH Grouper assigns each claim into a Home Health Resource Group (HHRG) based on the reported claim and patient assessment information.

The revised HH Grouper and related documentation will be available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HomeHealthPPS/CaseMixGrouperSoftware>.

There is no policy change. Current instructions regarding the HH Grouper are available in the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual Publication, Chapter 10, Section 80](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11656, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10025OTN.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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