



**New ICD-10-CM code for
Post-COVID Conditions,
following the 2019 Novel
Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Effective: October 1, 2021

In March 2020 the Novel Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. A national emergency was declared in the U.S. on in 2020 and remains in place, with the most recent renewal at the time of this announcement on October 15, 2021. Initially attention was focused on diagnosing and managing the acute disease, but it has become clear that illness can persist or recur following the acute phase. These conditions are referred to as post-COVID conditions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Given this development there is an ongoing and urgent need to capture more information about these conditions in our surveillance data and the nation's health care claims. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), under the National Emergencies Act Section 201 and 301, is announcing further additions to ICD-10-CM Classification related to COVID-19, that have become effective October 1, 2021.

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (CDC/NCHS) has implemented an additional code into the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for reporting:

- Post COVID-19 condition, unspecified (U09.9)

This new code became effective October 1, 2021 to identify conditions following acute COVID-19. The code should be used for patients with a history of probable or confirmed SARS CoV-2 infection who are identified with a post-COVID condition. In addition, assign code(s) for specific conditions and/or symptoms identified. Full addenda information regarding this new code, along with other codes and code titles is available.

ICD-10-CM coding guidance can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm>.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html> . For more information about post-COVID conditions for healthcare providers, please visit the CDC website below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/post-covid-conditions.html>