

CPT Approves Two Additional Codes for COVID-19 Antibody Blood Tests

On April 14, The American Medical Association (AMA) announced updates to the [Current Procedural Terminology \(CPT\)](#) that include two code additions intended to report when patients receive blood tests that detect COVID-19 antibodies.

The updates were approved April 10 during a special meeting of the CPT Editorial Panel, the independent body convened by the AMA with sole authority to expedite the review of proposed changes and additions to the CPT code set.

For quick reference, the new Category I CPT code and descriptor are:

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| 86328 | Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) |
| 86769 | Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) |

The new codes go into effect immediately. For more information on the codes and their descriptors visit the [AMA website](#)