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Dear Optum360 2020 *Current Procedural Coding* Customer:

The American Medical Association (AMA) has issued the following updates in reference to COVID-19. At the August 2020 special AMA Editorial Panel Meeting, CPT codes 86408, 86409, 0225U, and 0226U were added to the code set.

Additional information on the update can be found at <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/covid-19-coding-and-guidance>. On this same AMA website page is an additional link for *CPT*® *Assistant* guidance.

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Sincerely,

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The following are changes effective August 10, 2020:

New Codes

#86408 Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); screen

#86409 Neutralizing antibody, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]); titer

Note: #86408 and #86409 are resequenced codes following code 86352

0225U Infectious disease (bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection) pathogen-specific DNA and RNA, 21 targets, including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), amplified probe technique, including multiplex reverse transcription for RNA targets, each analyte reported as detected or not detected

0226U Surrogate viral neutralization test (sVNT), severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), ELISA, plasma, serum