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Hospice News: New Virus Brings New Diagnosis Code Faster Than Usual

U07.1 assigned to COVID-19.

If you are treating patients for COVID-19, there's a new diagnosis code to use as of April 1: U07.1 (2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease). The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** announced that it moved up the effective date of the new diagnosis code from Oct.1.

"This off-cycle update is unprecedented and is an exception to the code set updating process established under HIPAA," stresses the CDC in a release.