New Codes for 2020

The American Medical Association (AMA) 2020 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code set becomes effective January 1, 2020, and includes almost 400 code changes. New codes relevant to the allergist/immunologist are listed below.

Online Digital Evaluation & Management Services (E/M):

- Requires permanent documentation storage, electronic or hard copy of the encounter.
- If within 7 days a separately reported E/M occurs, time electronically is included in the E/M.
- Synchronous telemedicine visits using interactive audio and video telecommunication are reported with modifier 95 appended to the E/M are included.

Online Digital E&M Services

- 99421 – Online digital E/M service, for an established patient for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes
- 99422 – 11-20 minutes
- 99423 – 21 or more minutes
- (99421-99423 Replaces 99444)
- CPT 99091 (collection and interpretation of physiologic data) and 99474 are included in an E/M, if performed on the same date of service
- 99457 – Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other QHC professional time in a calendar month requiring interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the month – first 20 minutes
- 99458 – each additional 20 minutes

Medicine Section changes

- 90694 – Influenza quadrivalent inactivated, adjuvanted, preservative free 0.5ml dose for IM use

Qualified non physician healthcare professional

- 98970 – Online digital E/M service, for an established patient for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes
- 98971 – 11-20 minutes
- 98972 – 21 minutes or more

Adenosine deaminase [ADA] deficiency, by the Centers for Disease Control

D81.30 ADA deficiency, unspecified
D81.31 Severe combined immunodeficiency due to ADA deficiency
D81.32 ADA 2 deficiency

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