

 **APOGEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Network UPDATES – March 2020**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) – CDC, CMS, HFS and MCO UPDATES:**

**Primary Care Providers (PCP’s)** are the first contact being promoted by all health care agencies for patients to connect with if they believe they may have symptoms of COVID-19.

Guidance from CDC, CMS, HFS and MCO websites should be checked daily for any changes.

Apogee is monitoring all guidance and any changes in healthcare delivery options to update our Apogee providers including the following important codes for COVID-19.

**Important codes for COVID-19:**

**Signs and Symptoms where COVID-19 has *not* yet been confirmed** assign the appropriate diagnosis code for each of the presenting signs and symptoms such as **Cough (R05)**; **Shortness of breath (R06.02)** or **Fever unspecified (R50.9).**

**Exposure to COVID-19** use diagnosis code **Z03.818** (Encounter for observations for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out).

**Pneumonia confirmed due to COVID-19** use diagnosis code **J12.89** (other viral pneumonia) and **B97.29** (other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere).

**Acute Bronchitis confirmed due to COVID-19** use diagnosis code **J20.8** (acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms) and **B97.29** (other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere). If Bronchitis is not specified as acute use code J40 in place of J20.8.

**Lower Respiratory Infections** documented as being associated with COVID-19 report code **J22** (unspecified acute lower respiratory infection) with **B97.29** (other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere).

**Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) confirmed due to COVID-19** use diagnosis code **J80** (Acute respiratory distress syndrome) and **B97.29** (other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere).

DO NOT USE B97.29 if suspected. Use ONLY if confirmed.

IF swabbing in the office but sending specimen to outside laboratory, use **CPT code 99000** for specimen collection

**IMPORTANT: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020 chart and bill POSITIVE cases (confirmed by a laboratory) of COVID-19 with diagnosis code U07.1**