



ATTN: ALL PROVIDERS

2021 FLU SEASON ICD-10 (Dx) CODING

See [News Blast: 2021 Flu Season Update](#) published 10/05/2020 for updated information on flu CPTs.

Providers will have to adjust reporting and exercise more caution when using ICD-10/Diagnosis (Dx) codes in the 'Acute Upper Respiratory Infections' family (Dx: J00-J06), **if/when** influenza (Dx: J09.X2, J10.1 and J11.1) is involved.

<u>ICD-10 Code</u>	<u>ICD-10 Long Description</u>
J09.X2	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other respiratory manifestations
J10.1	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations
J11.1	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations

Effective with dates of service 10/01/2020:

The 'Excludes 1' instruction that states **not** to report influenza (Dx: J09.X2, J10.1 and J11.1) with other respiratory manifestations has been moved exclusively to Dx: J00, J02.9, J03.9_ and J06._.

<u>ICD-10 Code</u>	<u>ICD-10 Long Description</u>	REMINDER: Avoid Unspecified!
J00	Acute nasopharyngitis [common cold]	
J02.9	Acute pharyngitis, unspecified	
J03.9_	Acute tonsillitis, unspecified	
J06._	Acute upper respiratory infections of multiples and unspecified sites	

This means that influenza Dx: J09.X2, J10.1 and J11.1 are mutually exclusive (can't be billed together) to the codes under which they are listed, i.e., ICD-10 codes J00, J02.9, J03.9_ and J06._.

(see below per the 2021 ICD-10 coding book)

If the patient has influenza with respiratory manifestations (Dx: J09.X2, J10.1 and J11.1) it would be **inappropriate** to also classify them as having a *common cold*: J00 Acute nasopharyngitis [common cold].

J00 Acute nasopharyngitis [common cold]

- Acute rhinitis
- Coryza (acute)
- Infective nasopharyngitis NOS
- Infective rhinitis
- Nasal catarrh, acute
- Nasopharyngitis NOS

EXCLUDES1 acute pharyngitis (J02.-)
acute sore throat NOS (J02.9)
*influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J09.X2, J10.1, J11.1)
pharyngitis NOS (J02.9)
rhinitis NOS (J31.0)
sore throat NOS (J02.9)

J02.9 Acute pharyngitis, unspecified

- Gangrenous pharyngitis (acute)
- Infective pharyngitis (acute) NOS
- Pharyngitis (acute) NOS
- Sore throat (acute) NOS
- Suppurative pharyngitis (acute)
- Ulcerative pharyngitis (acute)

EXCLUDES1 *influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J09.X2, J10.1, J11.1)

J03.9 Acute tonsillitis, unspecified

- Follicular tonsillitis (acute)
- Gangrenous tonsillitis (acute)
- Infective tonsillitis (acute)
- Tonsillitis (acute) NOS
- Ulcerative tonsillitis (acute)

EXCLUDES1 *influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J09.X2, J10.1, J11.1)

J03.90 Acute tonsillitis, unspecified

J03.91 Acute recurrent tonsillitis, unspecified

J06 Acute upper respiratory infections of multiple and unspecified sites

EXCLUDES1 acute respiratory infection NOS (J22)
*influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J09.X2, J10.1, J11.1)
streptococcal pharyngitis (J02.0)

J06.0 Acute laryngopharyngitis

J06.9 Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified

- AHA: Q1 2020
- Upper respiratory disease, acute
- Upper respiratory infection NOS
- Use additional code (B95-B97) to identify infectious agent, if known, such as:
respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) (B97.4)

Providers should pay special attention to the new ‘*Code also’ instruction for influenza under Dx: J04._ and J05._ which means influenza ICD-10 codes should be added when appropriate. Also note the new ‘Use additional code’ instruction to identify the infectious agent if known.

J04 Acute laryngitis and tracheitis
***Code also** influenza, if present, such as:
 *influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other respiratory manifestations (J09.X2)
 *influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J10.1)
 *influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J11.1)
Use additional code (B95-B97) to identify infectious agent.
EXCLUDES1 acute obstructive laryngitis [croup] and epiglottitis (J05.-)
EXCLUDES2 laryngismus (stridulus) (J38.5)

J04.0 Acute laryngitis
 Edematous laryngitis (acute)
 Laryngitis (acute) NOS
 Subglottic laryngitis (acute)
 Suppurative laryngitis (acute)
 Ulcerative laryngitis (acute)
EXCLUDES1 acute obstructive laryngitis (J05.0)
EXCLUDES2 chronic laryngitis (J37.0)

J04.1 Acute tracheitis
 Acute viral tracheitis
 Catarrhal tracheitis (acute)
 Tracheitis (acute) NOS
EXCLUDES2 chronic tracheitis (J42)

J04.10 Acute tracheitis without obstruction
J04.11 Acute tracheitis with obstruction

J04.2 Acute laryngotracheitis
 Laryngotracheitis NOS
 Tracheitis (acute) with laryngitis (acute)
EXCLUDES1 acute obstructive laryngotracheitis (J05.0)
EXCLUDES2 chronic laryngotracheitis (J37.1)

J04.3 Supraglottitis, unspecified
J04.30 Supraglottitis, unspecified, without obstruction
J04.31 Supraglottitis, unspecified, with obstruction

J05 Acute obstructive laryngitis [croup] and epiglottitis
***Code also**, if present, such as:
 *influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other respiratory manifestations (J09.X2)
 *influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J10.1)
 *influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations (J11.1)
Use additional code (B95-B97) to identify infectious agent.

J05.0 Acute obstructive laryngitis [croup]
 Obstructive laryngitis (acute) NOS
 Obstructive laryngotracheitis NOS

J05.1 Acute epiglottitis
EXCLUDES2 epiglottitis, chronic (J37.0)

J05.10 Acute epiglottitis without obstruction
 Epiglottitis NOS

J05.11 Acute epiglottitis with obstruction

REMINDER:

EXCLUDES1: A type 1 Excludes note is a pure excludes note. It means “NOT CODED HERE”: this note indicates that the code excluded should **never** be used at the same time as the code above the Excludes1 note. An Excludes1 note is used when two conditions cannot occur together. Excludes1 is highlighted **black** to alert user to never assign codes listed under Excludes1 along with the code that is crossed referenced, with some exceptions.

EXCLUDES2: A type 2 Excludes note means “NOT INCLUDED HERE”: this rule indicates that the condition excluded is not part of the condition represented by the code, and that a patient may have both conditions as the same time. An Excludes2 note is used when it is acceptable to use both the code and the excluded code together. Excludes2 is highlighted **grey** to alert user, that a user most likely will not assign codes listed under Excludes2 along with the code that is being cross-referenced; however okay if codes are assigned together.

REVIEW RESOURCES:

User Guide: Vaccines & Administration

User Guide: VFC Medicaid Immunizations

LA Medicaid Immunization Administration Fee Schedules:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

MLN Matters MM11882: Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances – Annual Update for 2020-2021 Season:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm11882.pdf>

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