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Dear Colleague,

HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) are effective biomedical interventions that are critical to achieving New York's goal of ending the AIDS epidemic by the end of 2020. To support expanded access to PrEP and PEP, we are pleased to share with you the attached [Recommended ICD-10 Codes](#) for PrEP and PEP. These codes facilitate reimbursement for both office visits and diagnostic testing related to PrEP and PEP.

Assisting patients with navigating the cost of these interventions is critical to expanding access to PrEP and PEP. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has developed guidance for patients on [payment options for PrEP and PEP](#) and the New York State Department of Health offers separate payment guides for [PrEP](#) and [PEP](#).

Additionally, the State Department of Health invites clinical providers to participate in PrEP-AP, a state program covers the cost of office visits and laboratory testing associated with providing PrEP for patients who are uninsured or underinsured. For more information about how to enroll as a PrEP-AP provider, [visit PrEP-AP](#).

Our health departments are committed to partnering closely on efforts to expand access to these interventions. Our goal is to eliminate missed opportunities to prescribe these interventions in accordance with [clinical guidelines](#) and to ensure that all individuals who can benefit from PrEP and PEP have access to the information and resources they need to make an informed decision about their full range of HIV prevention options.

Sincerely,

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## Recommended ICD 10 - CM Codes PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis)

The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) coding system does not designate specific billing codes for PrEP or PEP related services. The New York State Department of Health and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recommend the use of the following ICD-10-CM codes for PrEP and PEP related outpatient services.

**VISITS:** All office visits must include a “principal diagnosis/first-listed condition” to be billable. Z20.6, bolded below, is classified as an “acceptable principal diagnosis” in the ICD-10-CM system. Always include Z20.6 when coding PrEP or PEP visits. If an insurer requires additional coding clarifying a patient’s risk, Z20.2 (sexual exposure risk) and F19.20 (injection drug use exposure risk) can be added. These codes avoid the use of the Z72.x codes that are considered stigmatizing because they indicate “problems related to lifestyle.”

**TESTS:** HIV, STD, HCV and other tests associated with PrEP and PEP are related to the patient’s ongoing risk of infection, even if the patient is asymptomatic. Screening tests are ordered at initial visit. Subsequent visits use ‘contact with’ codes. Tests which are ordered to evaluate the patient for conditions potentially associated with long-term use of PrEP medication should include the code Z79.899.

<b>PrEP-related Codes – Initial Visit</b>		
<b>Coding for:</b>	<b>ICD-10 Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
Visit	<b>Z20.6</b>	<b>Contact with and (suspected) exposure to HIV</b>
	Z20.2	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
Initial Tests	Z01.812	Encounter for pre-procedural laboratory examination (Applicable to blood and urine tests prior to treatment or procedure)
	Z11.3	Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
	Z11.4	Encounter for screening for human immunodeficiency virus
	Z11.59	Encounter for screening for other viral diseases*
<b>PrEP-related Codes – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Subsequent Visits</b>		
<b>Coding for:</b>	<b>ICD-10 Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
Visit and Tests	<b>Z20.6</b>	<b>Contact with and (suspected) exposure to HIV</b>
	Z20.2	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
	Z79.899	Other long term drug therapy
	Z20.5	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to viral hepatitis*

<b>PEP-related Codes – Initial and Subsequent Visits</b>		
<b>Coding for:</b>	<b>ICD-10 Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
Visit and Tests	<b>Z20.6</b>	<b>Contact with and (suspected) exposure to HIV</b>
	Z20.2	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
	Z77.21	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to potentially hazardous body fluids
	Z20.5	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to viral hepatitis

**\*When ordering Hepatitis C tests for patients insured through Medicare:**

<p>Medicare covers annual hepatitis C screening only for “<b>high-risk individuals</b>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single, once-in-a-lifetime screening test is covered for individuals born from 1945 through 1965 who do not meet the high-risk definition.</li> <li>• Per Medicare guidance the initial encounter/test requisition for hepatitis C tests must include diagnosis code Z72.89 (Other problems related to lifestyle).</li> <li>• Follow-up encounters/tests for annual hepatitis C testing should include diagnosis codes Z72.89 and/or F19.20 (Unspecified drug dependence).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Consult Medicare guidance documents for specific billing details</i></p>
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