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Abstract: World Health Organization announces implementation of another new code, effective immediately, to capture mortality data for COVID-19.

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has implemented a new ICD-10 code to be used for mortality reporting of COVID-19. The new code, effective immediately, is U07.2 COVID-19, virus not identified. In addition, they have revised the description of ICD-10 code U07.1 to "COVID-19, virus identified."

Both of these new ICD-10 codes can be used to report cause of death for mortality coding. ICD-10 code U07.1 COVID-19, virus identified will be assigned when the SARS-CoV-2 virus has been confirmed by laboratory testing. ICD-10 code U07.2 COVID-19, virus not identified, will be assigned when there is a clinical or epidemiological diagnosis of COVID-19 but laboratory confirmation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is inconclusive or not available.

The HIPAA mandated code set for diagnosis coding in the United States is ICD-10-CM, not ICD-10. At this time, the only code that will be adopted by ICD-10-CM is code U07.1 COVID-19, per the ICD-10-CM Addenda, effective April 1, 2020.