



## COVID-19 FAQ

***24. When transporting a patient in Novitas or FCSO jurisdictions, do I still need to use the secondary Z Codes, or do the COVID-19 specific codes replace the need for such codes?***

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Answer: No, the COVID-19 specific codes do nothing to replace or supplant the existing requirements outlined in MAC-specific LCDs or LCAs. Also, please remember that these MAC requirements speak directly to medical necessity requirements and medical necessity has not been waived, relaxed, or otherwise modified in the wake of COVID-19.

The CDC and HHS added some COVID-19 specific ICD-10 Codes for purposes of providing specific diagnoses related to this novel coronavirus. Such codes should only be used as necessary and when the technical definition is met. Using ICD-10 specific codes do not (and should not) guarantee payment. Using such Covid-19 specific ICD-10 Codes do not replace the need for other MAC-specific codes or requirements.