

CPT News Alert

NEW provisional code created for potential third dose of Pfizer vaccine

The American Medical Association (AMA) today announced that the [Current Procedural Terminology \(CPT®\)](#) code set has been updated by the CPT Editorial Panel to include a new administration code that is unique to a potential third dose of the current COVID-19 vaccine offered by Pfizer.

The provisional CPT code will be effective for use on the condition that a third dose shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine receives regulatory approval or authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The AMA is publishing the CPT code update now to ensure electronic systems across the U.S. health care system are prepared in advance if the FDA approves or authorizes a third dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

For quick reference, the vaccine administration CPT code and long descriptor assigned to the third dose of the current Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is:

0003A

Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; third dose.

Short, medium and long descriptors for all the new vaccine-specific CPT codes can be accessed on the [AMA website](#), along with several other recent modifications to the CPT code set that have helped streamline the public health response to the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the COVID-19 disease.