

# 2019 CPT Code Changes & Z-Code Modifiers

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## 2019 CPT CODE CHANGES

**Explanation:** Annual updates to the CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) and HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) by the American Medical Association (AMA) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require the review and revision of coding for testing services offered.

The 2018 CPT Code & HCPCS are listed below:

Epic Code	Order Code	Description	2018 CPT Code	2019 CPT Code
LAB977	5DYTMM	Dihydrotestosterone	80327	<b>82642</b>

CPT and HCPCS codes are based on guidelines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC), and UnityPoint Health – Des Moines Laboratories/Pathology Laboratory. CPT and HCPCS codes are provided for the convenience of our clients, and are for informational purposes only. Correct coding can vary from one carrier to another. Responsibility of CPT and HCPCS codes belong solely to the billing party. Clients should verify codes with the payer being billed.

For more information, visit these links:

[Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#)

[American Academy of Professional Coders \(AAPC\)](#)

[Pathology Laboratory](#)

## 2019 MoDx Z-Code Modifiers

**Explanation:** The DEX or MoDx Z-Code Identifier is a unique 5-character alpha-numeric code associated with a specific molecular diagnostics (MDx) test. Z-Code Identifiers are assigned within the DEX™ Diagnostics Exchange based on the uniqueness of each test or manufacturer's product being registered. For example, a test for the same analyte but performed by a different laboratory methodology is considered unique and is assigned a unique Z-Code Identifier. Z-Codes Identifiers are applied to all advanced diagnostic tests, including molecular diagnostic and genetic tests.

Unique identification of molecular diagnostic (MDx) tests is critical for all stakeholders involved in test ordering, test delivery and claims processing. Much like NDC codes are applied to prescription drugs, Z-Code Identifiers enable the consistent identification of a unique test for payers, labs and providers.

DEX Z-Code Identifiers provide:

- **Unique Identification** of each and every test submitted to the DEX Diagnostics Exchange.
- **Greater clarity** to help ensure payers and providers clearly understand which test is being ordered and performed.
- **Specificity to CPT® Codes** complementing the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes and providing greater granularity to the coding for MDx tests.

For more information, visit: [DEX Diagnostics Exchange](#)

Below are the Z-Code Modifiers *for testing performed by* UnityPoint Health – Des Moines Laboratories.

Epic Code	Order Code	Description	CPT Code	MoIDx Z-Code
LAB346	FVL	Factor V Leiden	81241	ZB4IL
Ordered by Lab Only	BPCRID	FilmArray Blood Culture Identification Panel (BCID)	87150	ZB3VH
LAB3222	RESPVI	FilmArray Respiratory Virus Panel, PCR	87633	ZB3VG
LAB834	G20210	Prothrombin (Factor 2) G20210A Mutation	81240	ZB4IK

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