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Pathology & Laboratory 2026 CPT Updates Effective 1/1/2026

Each year the CPT® codebook is updated to add, revise, or delete codes and/or guidelines to reflect current technologies, techniques, and services. As a service to our clients, APS Medical Billing has summarized those changes to facilitate accurate reporting of the affected services as of January 1, 2026. The American Medical Association has released 288 new CPT codes, 84 deleted CPT codes and 46 revised CPT codes for 2026. The following may apply to pathology.

The changes are outlined below. New codes are highlighted in **red**, revised codes in **blue**, and deleted codes are in **black**.

Pathology and Laboratory

New Codes for 2026

- 81354** Cytogenomic (genome-wide) analysis for constitutional chromosomal abnormalities; interrogation of structural and copy number variants, optical genome mapping (OGM)
- 81524** Oncology (central nervous system tumor), DNA methylation analysis of at least 10,000 methylation sites, utilizing DNA extracted from formalin-fixed tumor tissue, algorithm(s) reported as probability of matching a reference tumor family and class, and MGMT (O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase) promoter methylation status, if performed
- 87182** Susceptibility studies, antimicrobial agent; carbapenemase enzyme detection (eg, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase [KPC], New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase [NDM], Verona integron-encoded metallo-beta-lactamase [VIM]), multiplex immunoassay, qualitative, per isolate
- 87183** Susceptibility studies, antimicrobial agent; carbapenem resistance genes (eg, blaKPC, blaNDM, blaVIM, blaOXA-48, blaIMP), amplified probe technique, per isolate
- 87494** Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, multiplex amplified probe technique
- 87627** Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); joint space pathogens and drug resistance genes, multiplex amplified probe technique, 26 or more targets
- 87812** Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical (ie, visual) observation; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) and influenza virus types A and B



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Revised Codes for 2026

- 83015** Heavy metal (eg, antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, bismuth, gadolinium, mercury); qualitative, any number of analytes
- 83018** Heavy metal (eg, antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, bismuth, gadolinium, mercury); quantitative, each, not elsewhere specified

Deleted Codes for 2026

- 0450U** Oncology (multiple myeloma), liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), monoclonal paraprotein sequencing analysis, serum, results reported as baseline presence or absence of detectable clonotypic peptides
- 0451U** Oncology (multiple myeloma), LC-MS/MS, peptide ion quantification, serum, results compared with baseline to determine monoclonal paraprotein abundance

Evaluation and Management

New Codes for 2026

- 98979** Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least 1 real-time interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; first 10 minutes
- 98984** Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response, digital therapeutic intervention); device(s) supply for data access or data transmissions to support monitoring of respiratory system, 2-15 days in a 30-day period
- 98985** Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response, digital therapeutic intervention); device(s) supply for data access or data transmissions to support monitoring of musculoskeletal system, 2-15 days in a 30-day period
- 98986** Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response, digital therapeutic intervention); device(s) supply for data access or data transmissions to support monitoring of cognitive behavioral therapy, 2-15 days in a 30-day period
- 99445** Remote monitoring of physiologic parameter(s) (eg, weight, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, respiratory flow rate); device(s) supply with daily recording(s) or programmed alert(s) transmission, 2-15 days in a 30-day period
- 99470** Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring 1 real-time interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the calendar month; first 10 minutes



Revised Codes for 2026

- 98976** Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response, digital therapeutic intervention); device(s) supply for data access or data transmissions to support monitoring of respiratory system, 16-30 days in a 30-day period
- 98977** Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response, digital therapeutic intervention); device(s) supply for data access or data transmissions to support monitoring of musculoskeletal system, 16-30 days in a 30-day period
- 98978** Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response, digital therapeutic intervention); device(s) supply for data access or data transmissions to support monitoring of cognitive behavioral therapy, 16-30 days in a 30-day period
- 98980** Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least 1 real-time interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; first 20 minutes
- 98981** Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least 1 real-time interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- 99453** Remote monitoring of physiologic parameter(s) (eg, weight, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, respiratory flow rate); initial set-up and patient education on use of equipment
- 99454** Remote monitoring of physiologic parameter(s) (eg, weight, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, respiratory flow rate); device(s) supply with daily recording(s) or programmed alert(s) transmission, 16-30 days in a 30-day period
- 99457** Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring 1 real-time interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the calendar month; first 20 minutes
- 99458** Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring 1 real-time interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the calendar month; each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Medicine

New Codes for 2026

- 90481** Immunization administration by intramuscular injection, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine; each additional component administered (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)



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- 90482** Immunization counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional when immunization(s) is not administered by provider on the same date of service; 3 minutes up to 10 minutes
- 90483** Immunization counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional when immunization(s) is not administered by provider on the same date of service; greater than 10 minutes up to 20 minutes
- 90484** Immunization counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional when immunization(s) is not administered by provider on the same date of service; greater than 20 minutes

Revised Codes for 2026

- 90661** Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (ccIV3), derived from cell cultures, subunit, preservative and antibiotic free, 0.5 mL dosage, for intramuscular use

The following resources were used in the preparation of this document: *AMA Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 2026*.