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Dear Ms. Pickett, Ms. Ramirez, and Dr. Berglund:

Thank you for allowing (insert Institution here) the opportunity to submit comments regarding proposals for new ICD-10 –CM codes responsive the current Covid-19 pandemic. We appreciate the speed with which the Committee has responded to our national health crisis, and your willingness to review public comments that may impact your conclusions.

(If you want to describe your Institution or CDI program, make a paragraph here.)

Today we write to express our support of the codes proposed for adoption January 1, 2020, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. As we learn more about the epidemiology and clinical manifestations of an evolving disease, it becomes essential to be able to appropriate classify and categorize aspects of the illness to allow us a fuller understanding of how to heal our nation. In a time of rapid change, we greatly appreciate the speed at which these codes have been developed.

We specifically support the following codes for adoption on January 1, 2021:

Z11.52 “Encounter for Screening for Covid-19”

Z20.822 “Contact with and (suspected) exposure to Covid-19”

Z86.16 “Personal History of Covid-19”

M35.81 “Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)”

M35.89 “Other Specified Systemic Involvement of Connective Tissue.”

J12.82 “Pnuemonia due to Corornavirus Disease 2019”

We look forward to continuing to work with the ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee to positively impact the public’s health and safety.

Respectfully,

(Name, Title, Institution)