



Dear Customer,

Several of you have inquired as to the appropriate coding for the QuickVue® Influenza A+B test. In following up on these inquiries, we learned that there were inconsistencies in the coding methodologies that payers were requiring for this test. We have subsequently worked closely with professional physician organizations that advise the CMS and AMA on CPT coding policy at the national level. Our goal was to work with these organizations to eliminate the inconsistencies and potential for confusion for both healthcare providers and the payers.

As a result of this effort, we are pleased to communicate the following reimbursement guidance issued by the AMA's CPT Education and Information Services for use with the QuickVue Influenza A+B test. This test allows for two simultaneous results---one for influenza A and one for influenza B. The AMA's CPT Education and Information Services has stated that when the practitioner has determined that results for both influenza A and B are medically necessary, you should submit two CPT codes, one for each influenza result. In addition, some payers may require modifier -59 to be used with the code for the second result. The table below presents the two options and provides CPT coding information for each. When working with your local payers in the forthcoming influenza season, you may discover that your payers prefer one or the other option. In any case, please note that either coding option outlined in the table below is considered appropriate. As always, providers should check with local payers regarding their specific coding and reimbursement requirements, as these might vary from region to region or even within the same state. The selection of the appropriate codes is the sole responsibility of the provider submitting the claim.

<b><i>QuickVue Influenza A+B test</i></b>	<b><i>CPT Coding</i></b>
<p><b><u>Option 1*:</u></b> If results for both Influenza A <u>and</u> Influenza B are ordered by practitioner</p>	<p>For Influenza A use: 87804QW** For Influenza B use: 87804QW**</p>
<p><b><u>Option 2*:</u></b> If results for both Influenza A <u>and</u> Influenza B are ordered by practitioner</p>	<p>For Influenza A use: 87804QW** For Influenza B use: 87804QW**, -59</p>

\* AMA's CPT Education and Information Services (7/2007).

\*\* "QW" modifier is added to report use of CLIA-waived test system(s) for Medicare/Medicaid claims.

Quidel has recently created an additional service for our customers. This service is dedicated to providing you support in understanding and managing your reimbursement questions, concerns, and issues. Obtaining the coding confirmation described in this memo from the AMA regarding the QuickVue Influenza A+B test is one outcome of this service. To help us further serve you, we encourage you to submit all reimbursement questions and concerns to our Technical Support Team via e-mail at [reimb.support@quidel.com](mailto:reimb.support@quidel.com) or call 800.874.1517.

As part of QVB™ (Quidel Value Build), we will address your reimbursement related questions professionally, carefully, and as quickly as possible. We are interested in cases where payers have processed claims in accordance with the above policies with no problems, as well as examples of where denials are occurring.

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