

There are no official billing codes for **PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis)** or **PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis)**. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health recommends using the following ICD-10-CM codes for PrEP and PEP-related outpatient services.

PrEP Codes

Initial Visit		
Coding for	ICD-10 Code	Description
Visit	Z20.6	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to HIV
	Z20.2	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
Initial Tests	Z01.812	Encounter for pre-procedural laboratory examination (applicable to blood and urine tests prior to treatment or procedure)
	Z11.3	Encounter for screening for infections with a predominately sexual mode of transmission
	Z11.4	Encounter for screening for HIV
	Z11.59	Encounter for screening for other viral diseases
2nd and Subsequent Visits		
Coding for	ICD-10 Code	Description
Visits and Tests	Z20.6	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to HIV
	Z20.2	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
	Z79.899	Other long-term therapy
	Z20.5	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to viral hepatitis

PEP Codes

Initial and Subsequent Visits		
Coding for	ICD-10 Code	Description
Visit and Tests	Z20.6	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to HIV
	Z77.21	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to potentially hazardous bodily fluids
	Z20.2	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
	Z20.5	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to viral hepatitis

PrEP and PEP-Related CPT Codes

CPT Code	Description
99401	Prevention Counseling (15 minutes)
99402	Prevention Counseling (30 minutes)
99403	Prevention Counseling (45 minutes)
99404	Prevention Counseling (60 minutes)

VISITS: All office visits must include a “principal diagnosis/first-listed condition” to be billable. **Z20.6**, bolded below, is classified as an “acceptable principal diagnosis” in the ICD-10-CM system. Always include Z20.6 when coding PrEP or PEP visits. If an insurer requires additional coding clarifying a patient’s risk, Z20.2 (sexual exposure risk) and F19.20 (injection drug use exposure risk) can be added. These codes avoid the use of the Z72.x codes that are considered stigmatizing because they indicate “problems related to lifestyle.”

TESTS: Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexually transmitted infections, hepatitis c virus (HCV) and other tests associated with PrEP and PEP are related to the patient’s ongoing risk of infection, even if the patient is asymptomatic. Screening tests are ordered at initial visit. Subsequent visits use ‘contact with’ codes. Tests which are ordered to evaluate the patient for conditions potentially associated with long-term use of PrEP medication should include the code Z79.899.