

## 2025 HPV Coding Updates

The AMA identified codes 87624 and 87625 as lacking the necessary level of specificity to differentiate between qualitative testing of HPV as pooled results of high-risk types and genotyping for high-risk types in a single analysis. The 2025 CPT® update introduces new CPT code 87626, replacing Category III code 0500T, to address this detail.

**New: 87626** Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Human Papillomavirus (HPV), separately reported high-risk types (eg, 16, 18, 31, 45, 51, 52) and high-risk pooled result(s)

**Revised: 87624** Human Papillomavirus (HPV), high-risk types (eg, 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 68), pooled result

**No Change: 87625** Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Human Papillomavirus (HPV), types 16 and 18 only, includes type 45, if performed

### Reporting Notes:

- Code 87624 is used when testing for high-risk HPV types (16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, and 68) as a single, pooled result. Code 87624 is also the default code used when both low- and high-risk types are tested within a single assay.
- Code 87625 is used when testing for singular HPV types 16 and 18 only, and includes type 45, if performed.
- Code 87626 when testing for singular test results for high-risk types 16, 18, 31, 45, 51 and 52 with a high-risk pooled result(s).

CPT Code	High-Risk HPV Results	What it detects
87624	Pooled only	Detects a group of high-risk HPV types but does not identify specific genotypes.
87625	Types 16 & 18 only	Detects only HPV 16 and 18, including type 45 if performed.
<b>87626 - NEW</b>	Separate and pooled results	Identifies specific high-risk HPV types (e.g., 16, 18, 31, 45, 51, 52) while also providing a pooled result.

The team at APS will continue to monitor and communicate updates as they apply to pathology billing. Please contact your Practice Manager should you have any questions.