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ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code Updates October 2009

Beginning October 1, 2009, physicians and other health care providers will have nearly 300 new diagnosis codes available for their use in preparing health care claims for payersⁱ. The new codes, along with a number of modified or deleted codes, are part of the fiscal year 2010 update to the ICD-9-CM coding system. The update is effective for dates of service October 1, 2009, and after.ⁱⁱ

ICD-9-CM codes are updated annually. Medicare Part B contractors will begin accepting the new codes on October 1 and will no longer recognize deleted codes after that date. Other payers will also adhere to the October 1 effective date in accordance with electronic transaction standards mandated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), although some may announce alternate effective dates.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control (NCHS/CDC) are jointly responsible for maintaining ICD-9-CM, but this coding system is not Medicare-specific.ⁱⁱⁱ It is used by all health care entities that handle claims via electronic transactions.^{iv}

Oncologists are affected by many of the FY2010 coding changes. More than a dozen new codes describe cancer diagnoses, and one cancer-related diagnosis has been deleted.ⁱ A complete list of the changes effective October 1, 2009 can be found on the CMS Web site at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp#.

Preparing for ICD-10-CM

ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes are slated to replace ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes on October 1, 2013.^v According to CMS, the ICD-10-CM system is intended to enhance accurate payment for services rendered and facilitate medical processes and outcomes.^{vi}

The switch to ICD-10-CM could affect physician practices in many ways. Because the coding structure itself will change, billing software may need to be updated to accommodate the new data format. In addition, as the 2013 implementation date gets closer, practices will need to begin updating internal documents such as charge tickets and conducting staff training on the new system.

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Preparing for ICD-10-CM (continued)

CMS has provided a comparison of ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM that is useful in illustrating the upcoming changes. For example:

ICD-9-CM	ICD-10-CM
3 -5 digits	3 – 7 digits
First digit is alpha or numeric	First digit is alpha
Digits 2 – 5 are numeric	Digit 2 is numeric Digits 3 – 7 are alpha or numeric
<p><i>Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: ICD-10-CM/PCS – An Introduction Available at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/ICD-10factsheet2009.pdf. Accessed September 10, 2009</i></p>	

ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes are expected to be more precise and detailed than ICD-9-CM. Physicians should expect to see a significant expansion in the number of available codes when ICD-10-CM is implemented. For example, a disease state now described by one of nine ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes based on body location may be described by more than 100 ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes that include information about not only location, but also stage of the disease.^{iv}

Development of ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes is the responsibility of the NCHS/CDC and is a work in progress. Although the NCHS/CDC is not yet ready to accept public comments related to the proposed changes, the most recent version of ICD-10-CM is available for public viewing on the NCHS/CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm#09update>. These codes are not currently valid for any use, but may be useful to the public in understanding and preparing for the new diagnosis coding system.

Concurrent with the development of ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, CMS is responsible for the development of ICD-10-PCS procedure codes, which will be used in the hospital inpatient setting only and will replace ICD-9-CM procedure codes in 2013. ICD-10-PCS procedure codes will not replace or affect physicians' use of CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) or HCPCS codes, which are the standard for reporting professional services and certain other items and services provided by physicians.^{iv} ♦

For More Information:

On the CMS Web Site:

- [New, Deleted and Revised ICD-9-CM Codes, Summary Tables](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp) Available at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp. Accessed September 10, 2009
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On the CDC Web Site

- [International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification \(ICD-9-CM\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm#09update) Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm#09update>. Accessed September 10, 2009

Endnotes:

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