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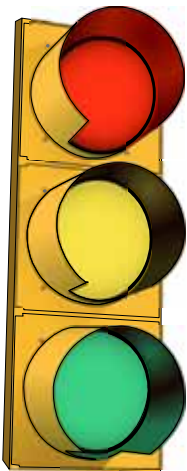
Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)

Note: This article was revised on July 1, 2005. The original article indicated that Chapter 23, Section 10.2 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual was revised as a result of CR3888. In fact, the manual was not revised, but was only referenced by CR3888.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, hospitals and other providers billing Medicare contractors (carriers, Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

Medicare will soon issue the annual update of the *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)* to Medicare contractors. This update will apply for claims with service dates on or after October 1, 2005 and discharges and through dates on or after October 1, 2005 for institutional providers.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

An ICD-9-CM code is required for all professional claims, e.g., physicians, non-physician practitioners, independent clinical diagnostic laboratories, occupational and physical therapists, independent diagnostic testing facilities, audiologist, ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs), and for all institutional claims, but **not** for ambulance supplier claims. Remember that as of October 1, 2004, Medicare no longer provides a 90-day grace period for physicians, practitioners and suppliers to use in billing discontinued ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes.

GO – What You Need to Do

Be ready to use the updated codes on October 1, 2005. Please refer to the *Background* and *Additional Information* sections of this article for further details regarding this instruction.

Background

This instruction is a reminder that Medicare carriers, DMERCs, and Fiscal Intermediaries will use the annual *International classification of diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)* coding update effective for:

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- Dates of service on or after October 1, 2005, and
- Discharges and through dates on or after October 1, 2005 for institutional providers

The use of ICD-9-CM codes at The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has evolved as follows:

- Beginning in 1979, ICD-9-CM codes became mandatory for reporting provider services on Form CMS-1450.
- On April 1, 1989, the use of ICD-9-CM `diagnosis_codes` became mandatory for all physician services submitted on Form CMS-1500.
- Effective October 1, 2003, an ICD-9-CM `diagnosis` code was required on all paper and electronic claims billed to Medicare carriers with the exception of ambulance claims (specialty type 59) (see Change Request (CR) 2725, dated June 6, 2003, at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/B03045.pdf).

Important Note: Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2004, CMS no longer provided a 90-day grace period for physicians, practitioners and suppliers to use in billing discontinued ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes on Medicare claims. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that medical code sets be date-of-service compliant, and ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are a medical code set (see CR 3094, dated February 6, 2004 at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R95CP.pdf).

Additional Information

Publication of ICD-9-CM Codes

- Updated ICD-9-CM codes are published in the Federal Register in April/May of each year as part of the Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System, and are effective each October first. Physicians, practitioners, and suppliers must use the current and valid diagnosis code that is in effect beginning October 1, 2005.
- After the ICD-9-CM codes are published in the Federal Register, CMS places the new, revised, and discontinued codes on the following web site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/icd9code.asp> . The update should be available at this site in June.
- The updated ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes can also be viewed at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm> . This posting should be available at this site in June.
- Providers are also encouraged to purchase a new ICD-9-CM book or CD-ROM on an annual basis.

Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is October 3, 2005.

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Related Instructions

The ICD-9-CM codes are updated annually as stated in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Pub. 100-04, Chapter 23 (Fee Schedule Administration and Coding Requirements), Section 10.2 (Relationship of ICD-9-CM Codes and Date of Service). That manual may be accessed at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/104_claims/clm104index.asp on the CMS web site.

The official instruction issued to your carrier can be found by going to:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp

From that web site, look for CR3888 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR.

For additional information relating to this issue, please refer to your local carrier or intermediary at their toll-free number which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp>





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NOTE: There were no requests received at the October 7-8, 2004 ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting for ICD-9-CM updates to occur on April 1, 2005. All those requesting new or revised codes elected to have the new codes implemented on October 1, 2005.

Therefore, the next opportunity for an April 1st ICD-9-CM update will be on April 1, 2006. Should the requestor want an April 1, 2006 update, they will have to make the specific request at the September 29-30, 2005 ICD-9-CM Coordination & Maintenance Committee.

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- [ICD-9-CM Official Coding Guidelines](#)
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 - Those interested in the proposed new diagnosis coding system, ICD-10-CM, being developed as a replacement for ICD-9-CM, volumes 1 and 2, should see the [National Center for Health Statistics](#) web site.
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Other Coding Resources:

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