



## Coding Corner, Administration/Practice Management

### Prepare for new ICD-10-CM codes that take effect on Oct. 1

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For the first time in many years, International Classification of Diseases codes will be updated. This will be the largest update to the code set due to the code freeze that was implemented during the lengthy transition to International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).

The new codes will take effect on Oct. 1, so begin preparing now.

There will be 1,943 new codes, 422 revised codes and 305 "invalid" codes, which will have additional digits to further classify them.

This article and the August issue of Coding Corner will highlight nearly all changes and will include codes that are most relevant to pediatrics.

The dash (-) used within a code indicates more digits are required. Unspecified laterality codes were included within the ICD-10-CM code set, but those codes are not included in this article.

#### Chapter 2 -&nbsp;Neoplasms

- Several new codes for gastrointestinal stromal tumors (by site) (**C49.A-**), Castleman disease (**D47.Z2**), and kidney neoplasms of unspecified behaviors (**D49.5-**).

#### Chapter 3 -&nbsp;Diseases of the blood and bloodforming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism

- Several new codes related to mast cell activation (**D89.4-**)

#### Chapter 4 -&nbsp;Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases

- Roughly 260 new codes were added for diabetic retinopathy to discern laterality (**E08 - E13**)  
**E78.00** Pure hypercholesterolemia, UNSPEC  
**E78.01** Familial hypercholesterolemia

#### Chapter 5 -&nbsp;Mental, behavioral and neurodevelopmental disorders

- F32.81** Premenstrual dysphoric disorder
- F32.89** Other specified depressive episodes



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- F34.81** Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder
- F34.89** Other specified persistent mood disorders
- F42.2** Mixed obsessional thoughts and acts
- F42.3** Hoarding disorder
- F42.4** Excoriation (skin picking) disorder
- F42.8** Other obsessive compulsive disorder
- F42.9** Obsessive compulsive disorder, UNSPEC
- F50.81** Binge eating disorder
- F50.89** Other specified eating disorder
- F64.0** Transsexualism
- F80.82** Social pragmatic communication disorder

### Chapter 6 - Diseases of the nervous system

- New codes were created for bilateral carpal tunnel and tarsal tunnel syndrome, while several codes were developed for lesions on various nerves (bilateral upper and lower limbs) (**G56-** and **G57-**).
- New codes were created for causalgia, mononeuropathy (other specified and unspecified) and meralgia paresthetica for bilateral limbs (upper and lower) (**G57-** and **G61-**).
- A new code was created for multifocal motor neuropathy (**G61.82**).

### Chapter 7 - Diseases of the eye and adnexa

- New codes for central retinal (**H34.81-**) and tributary (branch) (**H34.83-**) vein occlusion were developed to differentiate whether the condition was stable or with specific complications.
- New codes were developed to define specific stages and laterality for nonexudative age-related macular degeneration (**H35.31-**) as well as exudative macular degeneration (**H35.32-**).
- New codes were developed to define laterality for primary open-angle glaucoma.

**H53.041** Amblyopia suspect, right eye

**H53.042** Amblyopia suspect, left eye

**H53.043** Amblyopia suspect, bilateral



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### Chapter 8 - Diseases of the ear and mastoid process

- H90.A11** Conductive hearing loss, right ear, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
- H90.A12** Conductive hearing loss, left ear, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
- H90.A21** Sensorineural hearing loss, right ear, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
- H90.A22** Sensorineural hearing loss, left ear, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
- H90.A31** Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, right ear, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
- H90.A32** Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing, left ear, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
- H93.A1** Pulsatile tinnitus, right ear
- H93.A2** Pulsatile tinnitus, left ear
- H93.A3** Pulsatile tinnitus, bilateral

### Chapter 9 - Diseases of the circulatory system

- Bilateral codes were added for cerebral infarction due to thrombosis/embolism **(I63-)**
  - More specificity was added to each "cognitive deficit" sequela code to better discern the type of deficit suffered based on the condition (e.g., nontraumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage) **(I69-)**
  - New aneurysm codes **(I72-)** and dissection codes **(I77.7-)** also added
- I16.0** Hypertensive urgency
- I16.1** Hypertensive emergency
- I16.9** Hypertensive crisis, UNSPEC

### Chapter 10 - Diseases of the respiratory system

- New codes were added under diseases of mediastinum **(J98.5)**

### Chapter 11 - Diseases of the digestive system



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- New codes for pulpitis (**K04.0-**)
- New codes for aggressive periodontitis (**K05.2-**) and chronic periodontitis (**K05.3-**)
- New codes for primary (K08.81) and secondary occlusal trauma (K08.82) and other specified disorder of teeth and supporting structures (**K08.89**)
- New codes added for more specificity under colitis (**K52.3, K52.8-**)
- Several new codes added under acute vascular disorders of intestine to specify location and type (**K55.0-**)
- New codes under irritable bowel syndrome (**K58-**)
- New constipation specificity (**K59.0-**) added along with new codes for megacolon (**K59.3-**)
- Several new codes added for acute pancreatitis to discern type (e.g., idiopathic) (**K85-**)
- New codes added under diseases of the pancreas (**K86.8-**)

**K52.21** Food proteininduced enterocolitis syndrome

**K52.22** Food proteininduced enteropathy

**K52.29** Other allergic and dietetic gastroenteritis and colitis

**K55.30** Necrotizing enterocolitis, UNSPEC

**K55.31** Stage 1 necrotizing enterocolitis

**K55.32** Stage 2 necrotizing enterocolitis

**K55.33** Stage 3 necrotizing enterocolitis

**K90.41** Nonceliac gluten sensitivity

**K90.49** Malabsorption due to intolerance, not elsewhere classified

## Chapter 12 - Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue

**L03.213** Periorbital cellulitis

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## Resources

- [A copy of all updates can be found at the National Center for Healthcare Statistics website](#)
- [A clean and condensed file can be found on the Coding at the AAP website](#)