



CSR Inquiry Assistance

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Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) (Revised 7/1/05)

Keywords

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Provider Types Affected

All physicians, providers and suppliers

Key Points

- The effective date for MM3888 is October 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is October 3, 2005.
- The annual revision of the ICD-9-CM will apply for claims with service dates on or after October 1, 2005. This update will apply for claims with service dates on or after October 1, 2005, and for discharges and through dates on or after October 1, 2005 for institutional providers.
- An ICD-9-CM code is required for all professional claims and for all institutional claims but not for ambulance supplier claims.
 - Professional claims include: physicians, non-physician practitioners, independent clinical diagnostic laboratories, occupational and physical therapists, independent diagnostic testing facilities, audiologist, and ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs).
- For information on the evolution of the use of ICD-9-CM codes at CMS, please refer to MM3888, Background section, page 2 of the article.
- For information about and links to the publication of ICD-9-CM codes, please refer to MM3888, Additional Information section, page 2 of the article.

Important Note: 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 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 CR3094; link provided below)

Important Links

MM3888: "Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)" can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2005/MM3888.pdf> on the CMS web site.

CR3888: "Transmittal #591: Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)" can be found at

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R591CP.pdf on the CMS web site.

MM3094: "Elimination of the 90-day Grace Period for Billing Discontinued ICD-9-CM Codes" can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2004/MM3094.pdf> on the CMS web site.

CR3094: "Transmittal #95, Elimination of the 90-day Grace Period for Billing Discontinued ICD-9-CM Codes" can be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R95CP.pdf on the CMS web site.

ICD-9-CM codes are updated annually, as stated in *Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Pub. 100-04, Chapter 23, Section 10.2*. This can be found at

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/104_claims/clm104index.asp on the CMS web site.