

2011 ICD-9 Code Changes

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NOTABLE ICD-9 CODES FOR 2011

The following list of diagnosis codes highlights new and notable ICD-9 codes for 2011. Physicians should be aware that proper documentation of these new codes is required in a member's medical chart. The diagnosis codes listed below are a part of the CMS Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCC) model.

Neurofibromatosis

Neurofibromatosis has been expanded:

- 237.73 Schwannomatosis
- 237.79 Other neurofibromatosis

Hemochromatosis

The ICD-9 code 275.00, Disorders of iron metabolism, has been expanded:

- 275.01 Hereditary hemochromatosis (Iron overload)
- 275.02 Hemochromatosis due to repeated red blood cell transfusions
- 275.03 Other hemochromatosis
- 275.09 Other disorders of iron metabolism

Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome (Pickwickian Syndrome)

- 278.03 Obesity hypoventilation syndrome

Morbid Obesity

- 287.01 Morbid Obesity
Documentation of BMI of 40 or greater

Aortic Ectasia

The ICD-9 code 447.70, Aortic ectasia, has been expanded to different sites:

- 447.70 Aortic ectasia, unspecified site
- 447.71 Thoracic aortic ectasia
- 447.72 Abdominal aortic ectasia
- 447.73 Thoracoabdominal aortic ectasia

Excludes: aortic aneurysm and dissection (441.00-441.90)

Chronic venous embolism and thrombosis, lower extremity (new in 2010)

- 453.50 Unspecified deep vessels lower extremity
- 453.51 Deep vessels of proximal lower extremity
- 453.52 Deep vessels of distal lower extremity
- 453.60 Superficial vessels of lower extremity

Chronic venous embolism and thrombosis, upper extremity (new in 2010)

- 453.71 Superficial veins of upper extremity
- 453.72 Deep veins of upper extremity
- 453.73 Upper extremity, unspecified
- 453.74 Axillary veins
- 453.75 Subclavian veins
- 453.76 Internal jugular veins
- 453.77 Other thoracic veins
- 453.79 Other specified veins

Documentation Tips

Documentation must support the use of non-acute thrombosis coding because there are other codes to identify acute thrombosis. Documentation for chronic thrombosis must indicate that the condition is "chronic" and is still being treated, e.g., with anticoagulation therapy.

Fecal Impaction

- 560.32 Fecal impaction

Post Traumatic Seizures

- 780.33 Post traumatic seizures

Excludes: Post traumatic epilepsy (345.00-345.91)

Body Mass Index

- V85.41 Body Mass Index 40.0 – 44.9
- V85.42 Body Mass Index 45.0 – 49.9
- V85.43 Body Mass Index 50.0 – 59.9
- V85.44 Body Mass Index 60.0 – 69.9
- V85.45 Body Mass Index 70 and over, adult

RX HCC CODES

Many common ICD-9 codes like GERD, hypercholesterolemia, hypertension, are only in the prescription drug hierarchical condition category (RxHCC) model. When a provider submits these codes, additional funds are allotted to cover the projected costs of related medicines like proton pump inhibitors, statins, etc. The following notable RxHCC codes have been updated:

Signs and Symptoms of Dementia

- Progressive memory loss
- Impaired recognition

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- Inability to concentrate
 - Difficulty in finding words
 - Difficulty understanding word spoken to them
 - Decreased problem-solving skills
 - Difficulty planning and carrying out tasks
 - Changes in mood, personality and behavior
 - Depression, anxiety and agitation
 - Severe confusion
 - Altered sleep patterns
 - Motor system impairment
 - 294.80 Dementia
- Excludes:** mild memory disturbances, not amounting to dementia (310.80)

Documentation Tips

If coding Dementia of Alzheimer's type, also code for Alzheimer's disease (331.00) and use these additional codes to identify dementia with or without behavioral disturbance.

- 294.10 Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere, without behavioral disturbance
- 294.11 Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere, with behavioral disturbance:
 - Aggressive behavior
 - Combative behavior
 - Violent behavior
 - Wandering

INFORMATIONAL LINKS:

ICD-9-CM Official Coding Guidelines
www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd9/icdguide10.pdf

2011 Listing of New, Revised, Deleted Codes
www.cms.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp#TopOfPage

Risk Adjustment Model Diagnoses Listing
www.cms.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/06_Risk_adjustment.asp