

2024 Coding Update

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Objectives

Review Changes to:

ICD-10 Codeset

CPT Codeset

Coding vs. Billing

Coding: Guidelines, Manuals

Coders can help

Billing: Payers, Feds, States

Billers can help

2024 ICD-10

Changes

2024 ICD Changes - Guidelines

I.C.1.g.1.(f) Screening for COVID-19

For screening for COVID-19, including preoperative testing, assign code Z11.52, Encounter for screening for COVID-19.

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 3 Diseases of blood & blood-forming organs & certain disorders involving immune mechanism (D50- D89)

NEW

- D57.04 Hb-SS disease with dactylitis
- D57.214 Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease w/dactylitis
- D57.414 Sickle-cell thalassemia, unspecified, with dactylitis
- D57.434 Sickle-cell thalassemia beta zero with dactylitis
- D57.454 Sickle-cell thalassemia beta plus with dactylitis
- D57.814 Other sickle-cell disorders with dactylitis

ICD-10 2024 - Chapter 5 Mental, Behavioral, Neurodevelopmental (F01-F99)

F64 Gender identity disorders

- F64.0 Transsexualism
 - NEW Gender incongruence in adol and adults
 - NEW Transgender
 - NEW Excludes1: gender identity disorder of childhood (F64.2)
- F64.2 Gender identity disorder of childhood
 - NEW Gender incongruence of childhood

ICD-10 2024 - Chapter 5 Mental, Behavioral, Neurodevelopmental (F01-F99)

F64 Gender identity disorders (cont'd)

F64.9 Gender identity disorder, unspecified

NEW Gender incongruence, unspecified

Behavioral & emotional disorders with onset usually occurring in childhood and adolescence (F90- F98)

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 6 Diseases of the nervous system (G00-G99)

ALL NEW

G43.E Chronic migraine with aura

Excludes1: migraine with aura (G43.1-)

G43.E0 Chronic migraine w/aura, not intractable

Chronic migraine w/aura, w/o refractory

migraine

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 6 Diseases of the nervous system (G00-G99)

ALL NEW

G43.E01 Chronic migraine w/aura, not intractable, w/status migrainosus

G43.E09 Chronic migraine w/aura, not intractable, w/o status migrainosus

Chronic migraine with aura NOS

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 6 Diseases of the nervous system (G00-G99)

ALL NEW

- G43.E1 Chronic migraine w/aura, intractable
Chronic migraine w/aura, w/refractory migraine
- G43.E11 Chronic migraine w/aura, intractable, w/status migrainosus
- G43.E19 Chronic migraine w/aura, intractable, w/o status migrainosus

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 7 Diseases of the eye and adnexa (H00-H59)

ALL NEW

- H57.8A Foreign body sensation eye (ocular)
- H57.8A1 Foreign body sensation, right eye
- H57.8A2 Foreign body sensation, left eye
- H57.8A3 Foreign body sensation, bilateral eyes
- H57.8A9 Foreign body sensation, unspec eye

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 10 Diseases of the respiratory system (J00-J99)

ALL NEW

- J44.8 Other specified chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- J44.89 Other specified chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 - Chronic asthmatic (obstructive) bronchitis
 - Chronic emphysematous bronchitis

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 13 Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (M00-M99)

MODIFIED:

Was: M41.12 Adolescent scoliosis

Now: M41.12 Adolescent *idiopathic* scoliosis

ICD-10 2024 - Chapter 15 Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (O00-O9A)

Codes from this chapter are *NEVER* reported for the baby

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 17 Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (Q00-Q99)

ALL NEW

Q90 Down syndrome

Code also associated physical condition(s), such as atrioventricular septal defect (Q21.2-)

Use Additional code(s) to identify any associated degree of intellectual disabilities (F70-F79)

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 17 Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (Q00-Q99)

ALL NEW

Q90 Down syndrome (cont'd)

Q90.0 Trisomy 21, nonmosaicism (meiotic nondisjunction)

Q90.1 Trisomy 21, mosaicism (mitotic nondisjunction)

Q90.2 Trisomy 21, translocation

Q90.9 Down syndrome, unspecified

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 18 Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00-R99)

R09.89 Other specified symptoms and signs involving the circulatory and respiratory systems

Feeling of foreign body in throat

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 18 Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00-R99)

ALL NEW

R09.A Foreign body sensation of the circulatory and respiratory system

R09.A0 Foreign body sensation, unspecified

R09.A1 Foreign body sensation, nose

R09.A2 Foreign body sensation, throat

Foreign body sensation globus

R09.A9 Foreign body sensation, other site

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 18 Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00-R99)

R45.89 Other symptoms and signs involving emotional state

NEW Flat affect

NEW Loneliness

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44 Foreign body entering into or through a natural orifice

Excludes2:

contact with other sharp objects (W26)

contact with sharp glass (W25)

foreign body or object entering through skin (W45)

The appropriate 7th character is to be added to each code from category W44

A i nitial encounter

D subsequent encounter

S sequela

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.A Battery entering into/through natural orifice

W44.A0 Battery unspec, entering into/through natural orifice

W44.A1 Button battery entering into/through natural orifice

W44.A9 Other batteries entering into or through a natural orifice

Cylindrical battery

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.B Plastic entering into/through natural orifice

W44.B0 Plastic object unspec, enter into/through nat. orifice

W44.B1 Plastic bead entering into/through natural orifice

Excludes2: Plastic jewelry entering into/through natural orifice (W44.B4)

W44.B2 Plastic coin entering into/through natural orifice

W44.B3 Plastic toy and toy part entering into/through natural orifice

W44.B4 Plastic jewelry entering into/through natural orifice

Excludes2: Plastic bead entering into/through natural orifice (W44.B1)

W44.B5 Plastic bottle entering into/through natural orifice

W44.B9 Other plastic object entering into/through natural orifice

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.C Glass entering into/through natural orifice

W44.C0 Glass unspecified, entering into/through natural orifice

W44.C1 Sharp glass entering into/through natural orifice

Glass shard entering into/through a natural orifice

W44.C2 Intact glass entering into/through natural orifice

Intact glass bottle entering into/through natural orifice

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.D Magnetic metal entering into/through natural orifice

W44.D0 Magnetic metal object unspec, ...

W44.D1 Magnetic metal bead ...

W44.D2 Magnetic metal coin ...

W44.D3 Magnetic metal toy ...

W44.D4 Magnetic metal jewelry ...

W44.D9 Other magnetic metal objects...

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.E Non-magnetic metal entering into or through a natural orifice

- W44.E0 Non-magnetic metal object unspecified, ...
- W44.E1 Non-magnetic metal bead ...
- W44.E2 Non-magnetic metal coin ...
- W44.E3 Non-magnetic metal toy ...
- W44.E4 Non-magnetic metal jewelry ...
- W44.E9 Other non-magnetic metal objects ...
 - Bottle cap entering into or through a natural orifice
 - Can lid entering into or through a natural orifice
 - Pull tab entering into or through a natural orifice

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.F Objects of natural or organic material entering into or through a natural orifice

- W44.F0 Objects of natural/organic material unspec, ...
- W44.F1 Bezoar ...
- W44.F2 Rubber band ...
- W44.F3 Food ...
- W44.F4 Insect ...
- W44.F9 Other object of natural or organic material, ...

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.G Other non-organic objects entering into or through a natural orifice

- W44.G0 Other non-organic objects unspecified, ...
- W44.G1 Audio device ...
 - Ear buds
 - Hearing aids
- W44.G2 Combination metal and plastic toy and toy part ...
- W44.G3 Combination metal and plastic jewelry ...
- W44.G9 Other non-organic objects ...

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.H Other sharp object entering into/through natural orifice

W44.H0 Other sharp object unspecified, ...

W44.H1 Needle ...

Dart, Hypodermic needle, Safety pin, Sewing needle

W44.H2 Knife, sword or dagger ...

W44.8 Other foreign body ...

W44.9 Unspecified foreign body...

Foreign body NOS ...

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

ALL NEW

W44.8 Other foreign body entering into or through a natural orifice

W44.9 Unspecified foreign body entering into or through a natural orifice

Foreign body NOS entering into or through a natural orifice

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

ALL NEW

Z02.84 Encounter for child welfare exam

Encounter for child welfare screening exam

Excludes2:

enc for exam & obs alleged child phys abuse (Z04.72)

enc for exam & obs. alleged child rape (Z04.42)

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

ALL NEW

Z05.89 Observation and evaluation of newborn for other specified suspected condition ruled out

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

Z60.8 Other problems related to social environment

NEW Inadequate social support

NEW Lack of emotional support

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

Z62.21 Child in welfare custody

~~Child in care of non-parental family member~~

NEW Child in welfare guardianship

~~Excludes2: problem for parent due to child in welfare custody (Z63.5)~~

Z62.22 Institutional upbringing

~~Child living in orphanage or group home~~

MOD Child living in group home

NEW Child living in orphanage

NEW Code also, if applicable, child in welfare custody (Z62.21)

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ALL NEW

- Z62.23 Child in custody of non-parental relative
 - Child in care of non-parental family member
 - Child in custody of grandparent
 - Child in kinship care
 - Guardianship by non-parental relative
 - Code also, child in welfare custody (Z62.21)

- Z62.24 Child in custody of non-relative guardian
 - Code also, if applicable, child in welfare custody (Z62.21)

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

Z62.8 Other specified problems related to upbringing

- NEW Code also, if applicable:
 - NEW absence of family member (Z63.3-)
 - NEW disappearance and death of family member (Z63.4)
 - NEW disruption of family by separation and divorce (Z63.5)
 - NEW other specified problems related to primary support group (Z63.8)
 - NEW other stressful life events affecting family and household (Z63.7-)

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

- Z62.82 Parent-child conflict
 - NEW Z62.823 Parent-step child conflict
- NEW Z62.83 Non-parental rel or guard-child conflict
 - NEW Z62.831 Non-parental rel-child conflict
 - NEW Grandparent-child conflict
 - NEW Kinship-care child conflict
 - NEW Non-parental relative legal guard-child conflict
 - NEW Other relative-child conflict
 - NEW Excludes1: group home staff-child conflict (Z62.833)
 - NEW Z62.832 Non-rel guard-child conflict
 - NEW Excludes1: grp home staff-child conflict (Z62.833)
 - NEW Z62.833 Grp home staff-child conflict

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NEW Z62.892 Runaway [from current living env]
NEW Child leaving living situation without permission

Z65.8 Other specified problems related to psychosocial circumstances
NEW At risk for feeling loneliness

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

Z91.A4 Caregiver's other noncompliance with patient's medication regimen
NEW Caregiver's underdosing with pt's meds NOS
NEW Z91.A41 Caregiver's other noncompliance with patient's medication regimen due to financial hardship
NEW Z91.A48 Caregiver's other noncompliance with patient's medication regimen for other reason

2024 ICD Changes - Guidelines

I.C.19.e.5.(c) Underdosing

Codes for underdosing should never be assigned as principal or first-listed codes. ... Noncompliance (Z91.12-, Z91.13-, Z91.14- and **Z91.A4-**) or complication of care (Y63.6-Y63.9) codes are to be used with an underdosing code to indicate intent, if known.

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Z91.A5 Caregiver's noncompliance with patient's renal dialysis

NEW Z91.A51 ... due to financial hardship

NEW Z91.A58 ... for other reason

Z91.A9 Caregiver's noncompliance with patient's other medical treatment and regimen

NEW Z91.A91 ... due to financial hardship

NEW Z91.A98 ... for other reason

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 21 Factors influencing health status, contact with health services

Z91.89 Other specified personal risk factors, not elsewhere classified

NEW Increased risk for social isolation

ICD-10 2024 - Ch 22 Codes for special purposes (U00-U85)

U07.1 COVID-19

NEW Use Additional code, if applicable, for associated conditions such as:

NEW COVID-19 associated coagulopathy (D68.8)

NEW disseminated intravascular coagulation (D65)

NEW hypercoagulable states (D68.69)

NEW thrombophilia (D68.69)

Excludes2: coronavirus infection, unspecified (B34.2)

2024 CPT Changes

CPT 2024: E&M Time

2023: “When using time for code selection, #-# minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.”

2024: “When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, # minutes must be met or exceeded.”

CPT 2024: E&M Time

“... minutes must be met or exceeded.”

99202	15 mins	99212	10 mins
99203	30 mins	99213	20 mins
99204	45 mins	99214	30 mins
99205	60 mins	99215	40 mins

CPT 2024 - E&M: Audio-Video & Audio-Only Criteria

Services in Appendices P and T must satisfy the following criteria:

- ...totality and quality of the communication of info exchanged between Physician/QHP and the patient during synchronous telemedicine must be of an amount and nature that would be sufficient to meet requirements for the same service if they were to be rendered in-person face-to-face
- AND ...

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CPT 2024 - E&M: Audio-Video & Audio-Only Criteria

...evidence supports the benefits of performing service through telecommunications. Include but not limited to these examples:

- Facilitates diagnosis or treatment plan that may reduce complications
- Decreases
 - Diagnostic or therapeutic interventions
 - Hospitalizations
 - In-person visits to ED, Physician/QHP (incl UC)
- Increases rapidity of resolution
- Decreases quantifiable symptoms
- Reduces recovery time
- Enhances access to care (rural, vulnerable pts)

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2024 CPT - Appendix Q: COVID Vaccines

These CPTs marked as NEW in 2024 manual are included in AMA's [online PDF version](#):

- 91312 SARS-Cov-2 mRNA-LNP 12 yrs and + Pfizer
- 91315 SARS-Cov-2 mRNA-LNP 5-11 yrs Pfizer
- 91317 SARS-Cov-2 mRNA-LNP 6m-4 yrs Pfizer
- 91313 SARS-Cov-2 mRNA-LNP 12 yrs and + Moderna
- 91314 SARS-Cov-2 mRNA-LNP 6m-11 yrs Moderna
- 91316 SARS-Cov-2 mRNA-LNP 6m-5 yrs Moderna

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2024 CPT - Split or Shared Visits

When Physicians/QHPs act as part of a team, Physician/QHP may report service if:

- Physician/QHP's time was the majority spent
- Physician/QHP:
 - made or approved management plan and takes responsibility for that plan with its inherent risks of complications and/or morbidity or mortality of patient management
 - **does not** have to personally assess independent historian or order/review tests
 - **does** have to personally interpret tests and discuss management plan or test interpretation

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2024 CPT - E&M: Pelvic Examination

NEW Add-on code:

+99459 Pelvic Examination

Bill with:

9920_

9938_

9921_

9939_

9924_

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2024 CPT - Bits and Bobs

Risk

Within E&M consideration it is defined differently according to context within MDM Leveling

- Risk of complications and/or morbidity or mortality of *patient management* applies in assigning encounter risk
- Risk to the patient from *the condition* is a factor in specifically the Number and Complexity of Problems (Uncertain prognosis, threat to life or bodily function, eg)

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Final Rule - Separate Payment for Add-On G2211

+G2211 Visit complexity inherent to evaluation and management associated with medical care services that serve as the continuing focal point for all needed health care services and/or with medical care services that are part of ongoing care related to a patient's single, serious condition or a complex condition. (add-on code, list separately in addition to office/outpatient evaluation and management visit, new or established)

Resources

ICD

- [2024 ICD-10 All Addenda \(zip file\)](#)
 - Changes only and they're FREE!!!
- [2024 ICD-10 Guidelines](#)
- [2024 Full file list](#)

COVID-19

- [AMA Vaccine updates](#) (updated 11/7/23)
- [AMA Vaccine Supply Tool](#) (accessed 12/1/23)

Many Thanks!

What questions do you have?

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