

2026 Pediatric Coding Changes

Business of Pediatrics

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Objectives

Review Relevant Outpatient Pediatric Changes to:

ICD-10 Codeset

CPT Codeset

Coding vs. Billing

Coding: Guidelines, Manuals

Coders can help

Billing: Payers, Feds, States

Billers can help

2026 ICD-10 Changes

Effective 10/1/2025

Data Source - CMS

2026 ICD-10-CM files, 2026 Addendum:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/icd-10-codes?redirect=/ICD10>

Chapter 4 - Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases (E00-E89)

E11.9 Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications

Excludes1: type 2 diabetes mellitus, without complications in remission (E11.A)

Add - E11.A

Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications in remission

Excludes1: type 2 diabetes mellitus, with complications (E11.0-E11.8)

type 2 diabetes mellitus, without complications not in remission (E11.9)

Chapter 7 Diseases of the eye and adnexa (H00-H59)

H01.8 Other specified inflammations of eyelid

Code also, if applicable, infestation by Demodex mites (B88.01)

NEW

- Other specified inflammation of...

H01.81 ... right upper eyelid

H01.82 ... right lower eyelid

H01.83 ... right eye, unspecified eyelid

H01.84 ... left upper eyelid

H01.85 ... left lower eyelid

H01.86 ... left eye, unspecified eyelid

H01.89 ... unspecified eye, unspec eyelid

H01.8A ... right eye, upper and lower eyelids

H01.8B ... left eye, upper and lower eyelids

Chapter 17 Congenital malformations, deformations, chromosomal abnormalities, and genetic disorders (Q00-QA0)

Revise from

- Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (Q00-Q99)

Revise to

- Congenital malformations, deformations, chromosomal abnormalities, and genetic disorders (Q00-QA0)

Chapter 17 Congenital malformations, deformations, chromosomal abnormalities, and genetic disorders (Q00-QA0) - Cont.

Please review CHAPTER 17 ... MANY syndrome additions

- Hao-Fountain
- CTNNB1
- Kabuki
- Usher

Chapter 18 Symptoms and signs involving the digestive system and abdomen (R10-R19)

R10.2 Pelvic and perineal pain

Add - Excludes2: pain localized to other parts of lower abdomen (R10.3-)
pain localized to upper abdomen (R10.1-)

Add - R10.20 Pelvic and perineal pain unspecified

Add - R10.21 Pelvic and perineal pain right side

Add - R10.22 Pelvic and perineal pain left side

Add - R10.23 Pelvic and perineal pain bilateral

Add - R10.24 Suprapubic pain

Chapter 18 Symptoms and signs involving the digestive system and abdomen - Cont.

R11 Nausea and vomiting

R11.1 Vomiting

Add - R11.16 Cannabis hyperemesis syndrome
Cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome

Code also

cannabis abuse (F12.1-)

cannabis dependence (F12.2-)

cannabis use, unspecified (F12.92-, F12.93, F12.95-, F12.98-, F12.99)

manifestations, such as:

dehydration (E86.0)

electrolyte imbalance (E87.8)

Chapter 19 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88)

Chapter 19 Added specificity “of Flank” for a large number of ICD-10s

Contusions, Abrasions, Blisters, Open wounds, Lacerations, Puncture wounds, Open bites,

Chapter 19 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88) Cont.

T36 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of systemic antibiotics
Add - T36.A Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdos. of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

Add - T36.AX Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdos. of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

Add - T36.AX1 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, accidental (unintent.)
Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics NOS

Add - T36.AX2 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, intentional self-harm

Add - T36.AX3 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, assault

Add - T36.AX4 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, undetermined

Add - T36.AX5 Adverse effect of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

Add - T36.AX6 Underdosing of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

Chapter 19 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88) Cont.

T78.07 Anaphylactic reaction due to milk and dairy products

Add - T78.070 Anaphylactic reaction due to milk and dairy products with tolerance to baked milk

Excludes1: Anaphylactic reaction due to milk and dairy products with reactivity to baked milk (T78.071)

Add - T78.071 Anaphylactic reaction due to milk and dairy products with reactivity to baked milk

Excludes1: Anaphylactic reaction due to milk and dairy products with tolerance to baked milk (T78.070)

Add - T78.079 Anaphylactic reaction due to milk and dairy products, unspecified

Chapter 19 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88) Cont.

T78.08 Anaphylactic reaction due to eggs

Add - T78.080 Anaphylactic reaction due to egg with tolerance to baked egg
Excludes1: Anaphylactic reaction due to egg with reactivity to baked egg (T78.081)

Add - T78.081 Anaphylactic reaction due to egg with reactivity to baked egg
Excludes1: Anaphylactic reaction due to egg with tolerance to baked egg (T78.080)

Add - T78.089 Anaphylactic reaction due to eggs, unspecified

T78.1 Other adverse food reactions, not elsewhere classified

Add - T78.11 Other adverse food reactions due to milk and dairy products

Add - T78.110 Other adverse food reactions due to milk and dairy products with tolerance to baked milk
Excludes1: Other adverse food reaction due to milk and dairy products with reactivity to baked milk (T78.111)

Chapter 19 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88) Cont.

Add - T78.111 Other adverse food reaction due to milk and dairy products with reactivity to baked milk
Excludes1: Other adverse food reaction due to milk and dairy products with tolerance to baked milk (T78.110)

Add - T78.119 Other adverse food reaction due to milk and dairy products with baked milk tolerance / reactivity, unspecified

Add - T78.12 Other adverse food reaction due to eggs

Add - T78.120 Other adverse food reaction due to egg with tolerance to baked egg

Excludes1: Other adverse food reaction due to egg with reactivity to baked egg (T78.121)

Add - T78.121 Other adverse food reaction due to egg with reactivity to baked egg
Excludes1: Other adverse food reaction due to egg with tolerance to baked egg (T78.120)

Add - T78.129 Other adverse food reaction due to egg with baked egg tolerance/reactivity, unspecified

Add - T78.19 Other adverse food reactions, not elsewhere classified

Chapter 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

Add - W44.H9 Other sharp object entering into or through a natural orifice

Shard pottery entering into or through a natural orifice

Add - W45.3 Fishing hook entering through skin

Chapter 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

Add - Y36.A Blast overpressure in war operations
Code also type of explosive, if known
accidental detonation of onboard munitions (Y36.140)
explosion of grenade (Y36.290)
explosion of torpedo (Y36.040)
improvised explosive device (Y36.230)
Y36.A1 Low level blast overpressure in war operations
LLB overpressure in war operations
Low level blast overpressure due to explosion in war operations

Chapter 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

Y36.A Blast overpressure in war operations (cont'd)
Add - Y36.A2 High level blast overpressure in war operations
High level blast overpressure due to explosion in war operations
HLB overpressure in war operations

Chapter 20 External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99)

Y37 Military operations
Add Y37.A Blast overpressure in military operations
Code also type of explosive, if known
accidental detonation of onboard munitions (Y37.140)
explosion of grenade (Y37.290)
explosion of torpedo (Y37.040)
improvised explosive device (Y37.230)
Add Y37.A1 Low level blast overpressure in military operations
LLB overpressure in military operations
Low level blast overpressure due to explosion in military ops
Add Y37.A2 High level blast overpressure in military operations
High level blast overpressure due to explosion in military ops
HLB overpressure in military operations

Chapter 21 Factors influencing health status and contact with health services (Z00-Z99)

Z59.86 Financial insecurity

Delete Bankruptcy

Add Z59.861 Financial insecurity, difficulty paying for utilities

Add Difficulty paying for electricity

Add Difficulty paying for heat

Add Difficulty paying for oil

Add Difficulty paying water bill

Add Utility disconnect notice due to inability to pay

Add Excludes2: inadequate housing utilities (Z59.12)

Add Z59.868 Other specified financial insecurity

Add Bankruptcy

Add Z59.869 Financial insecurity, unspecified

Chapter 21 Factors influencing health status and contact with health services (Z00-Z99)

Z91.01 Food allergy status

Z91.011 Allergy to milk products

Add - Z91.0110 Allergy to milk products, unspecified

Add - Z91.0111 Allergy to milk products with tolerance to baked milk

Excludes1: Allergy to milk products with reactivity to baked milk (Z91.0112)

Add - Z91.0112 Allergy to milk products with reactivity to baked milk

Excludes1: Allergy to milk products with tolerance to baked milk (Z91.0111)

Chapter 21 Factors influencing health status and contact with health services - Cont.

Z91.012 Allergy to eggs

Add - Z91.0120 Allergy to eggs, unspecified

Add - Z91.0121 Allergy to eggs with tolerance to baked egg

Excludes1: Allergy to eggs with reactivity to baked egg (Z91.0122)

Add - Z91.0122 Allergy to eggs with reactivity to baked egg

Excludes1: Allergy to egg with tolerance to baked egg (Z91.0121)

2026 ICD Guidelines

2026 ICD-10 Guidelines Updates - Eff 10/1/25

Multiple Sites Coding

The classification defines "multiple" as involving two or more sites. Follow chapter-specific guidelines for assigning codes for "multiple sites." In the absence of chapter-specific guidelines, assign codes describing specified sites individually when documented. When the specified site(s) are not documented, assign the appropriate code for "multiple sites."

2026 ICD Guidelines (cont'd)

2026 ICD-10 Guidelines Updates - Eff 10/1/25 cont'd

Type 2 diabetes mellitus in remission

Code E11.A, Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications in remission, is assigned **based on provider documentation** that the diabetes mellitus is in remission. If the documentation is unclear as to whether the Type 2 diabetes mellitus has achieved remission, the provider should be queried. For example, the term **"resolved" is not synonymous with remission.**

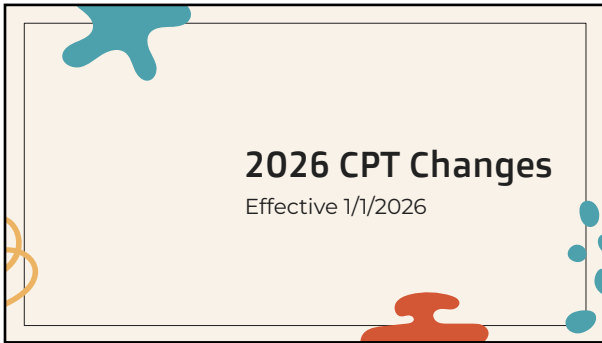
2026 ICD Guidelines (cont'd)

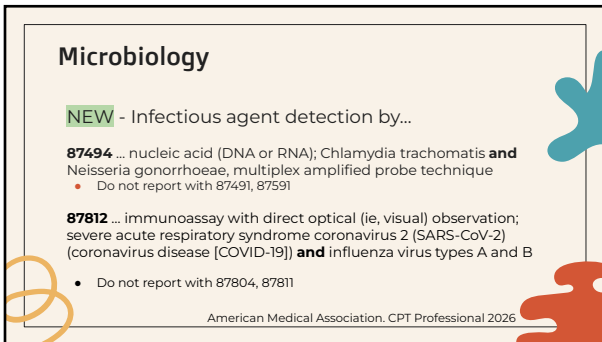
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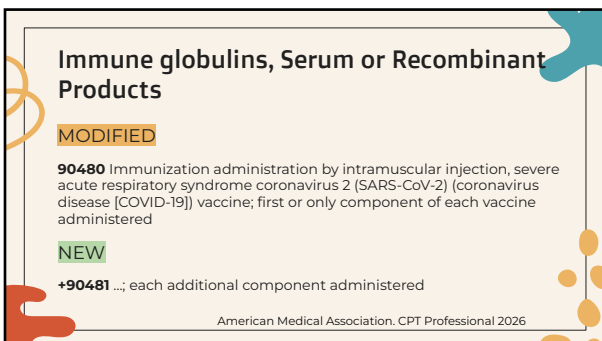
Z68 Body mass index (BMI)

BMI codes should only be assigned when there is an associated, reportable diagnosis (such as obesity or anorexia) **documented by the patient's provider.**

Do not assign BMI codes during pregnancy. **When the documentation reflects fluctuating BMI values during the current encounter for an associated reportable condition, assign a code for the most severe value.**







Immune globulins, Serum or Recombinant Products

NEW: Risk benefit counseling WITHOUT Admin

- ★ **90482** Immunization counseling by physician or other QHCP when imm(s) is not administered by provider on the same DOS; 3 minutes up to 10 minutes
- ★ **90483** ...; greater than 10 mins up to 20 mins
- ★ **90484** ...; greater than 20 mins

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Vaccines, Toxoids

NEW and Pending FDA Approval

- ★ **90612** Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent, and severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) [(COVID-19)] vaccine, mRNA-LNP, 31.7 mcg/0.32 mL dosage, for IM use
- ★ **90613** Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, and severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) [(COVID-19)] vaccine, mRNA-LNP, 40 mcg/0.4 mL dosage, for IM use

Admin codes: 90480, 90481

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Vaccines, Toxoids

NEW

- ★ **90620** Meningococcal recombinant protein and outer membrane vesicle vaccine, serogroup B (MenB-4C), for IM use
- ★ **90631** Influenza virus vaccine (IIV), H5, pandemic formulation, split virus, adjuvanted, for IM use

Admin code: 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473, 90474

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Mid-Year Release

AMA: Category I Vaccine Long Code Descriptors

91323

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, for intramuscular use

90635

Influenza virus vaccine, H5N1, derived from cell cultures, adjuvanted, for IM use

Eff July 1, 2025

Immune globulins, Serum or Recombinant Products

NEW

90382

Respiratory syncytial virus, monoclonal antibody, seasonal dose, 0.7 mL, for intramuscular use

Reminders:

- Administration of respiratory syncytial virus, monoclonal antibody, seasonal dose, see 96380, 96381
- Do not report with 96372 Therapeutic, prophylactic, or diagnostic injection, SUBQor IM

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Proprietary Laboratory Analyses

NEW

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Abbott Alinity™ m HSV 1 & 2 / VZV Assay, Abbott Molecular, Inc

Herpes simplex virus (HSV) types 1 and 2 and Varicella zoster virus (VZV), amplified probe technique, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected

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