

Coding Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact With Health Services



Documentation Specificity

- Laterality Right/left
- Acuity severe, acute, chronic
- Site lobe of lung; upper, mid, lower
- **Manifestations** link to disease process: HTN with CKD
- Episode of Care:
 - Initial Subsequent Sequela







ICD-9-CM & ICD-10-CM COMPARISON

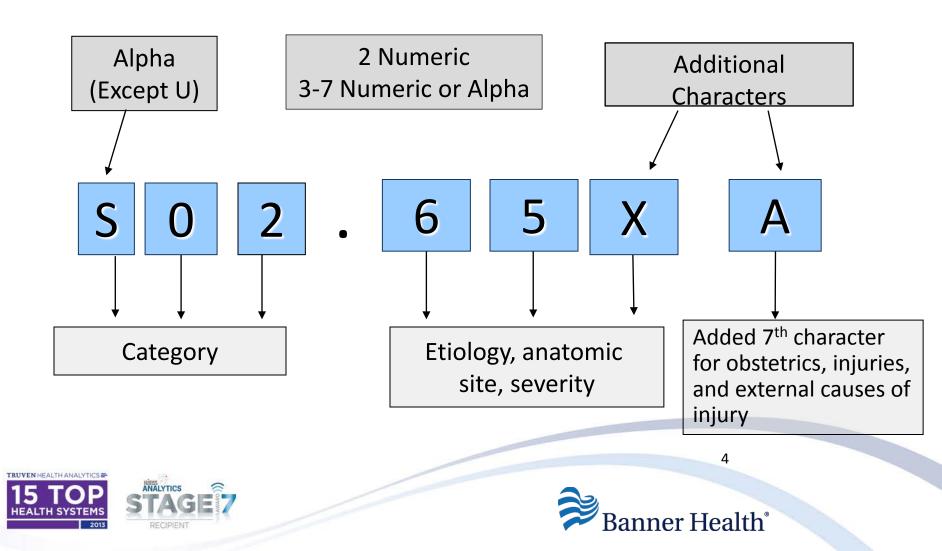
ICD-9-CM	ICD-10-CM
Three to five characters	Three to seven characters
First digits is numeric but can be alpha (E or V)	First character is always alpha, (except U is not used)
2-5 are numeric	Character 2 is always numeric: 3-7 can be alpha or numeric
Always at least three digits	Always at least three digits
Decimal Placed after the first three characters (With E codes, placed after the first four characters	Decimal placed after the first three characters
Alpha Characters – not case sensitive	Alpha characters are not case sensitive







ICD-10-CM CODE STRUCTURE



Place holder X

- Where a placeholder exists, the X must be used in order for the code to be considered a valid code.
- Certain ICD-10-CM categories have applicable 7th characters. The applicable 7th character is required for all codes within the category.
- The 7th character must always be the 7th character in the data field.
- Codes that require a 7th character but no 6th, a placeholder X must be used to fill in the empty 6th place character.
 - Fall down Escalator, initial encounter
 - W100XXA





NEC and NOS

- NEC "Not elsewhere classifiable"
 - Used when no specific code is available to represent the condition
- NOS "Not otherwise specified"
 - Used when there isn't enough documentation to assign a more specific code





Excludes Notes

The ICD-10-CM has two types of excludes notes: Excludes1

- "NOT CODED HERE" indicates that the code excluded should never be used at the same time as the code above the Excludes1 note.
- Indicates that two conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form vs an acquired form of the same condition.

Excludes2

 "NOT INCLUDED HERE" – Indicates that a patient may have both conditions at the same time. Indicates it is acceptable to report both the codes together, when appropriate.





Inclusion Notes

Inclusion notes contain terms that are the

condition for which that code number is to be used.

The terms may be:

- Synonyms of the code title, or
- in the case of "other specified" codes, the terms are a list of various conditions assigned to that code.
- The inclusion terms are **not** necessarily exhaustive.





Seventh Characters A, D and S

- A **initial** encounter:
 - patient is receiving active treatment for the condition
- D **subsequent** encounter:
 - the patient has received active treatment for the condition and is receiving routine care for the condition during the healing or recovery phase
- S sequela:
 - complications or conditions that arise as a direct result of a condition





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Code Also, Code First, Use Additional Code

- A "code also" note instructs that:
 - two codes may be required to fully describe a condition
 - this note does not provide sequencing direction.
- The "code first" and "use additional code" notes provide sequencing order of the codes.





Place of Occurrence and Activity Codes

Regardless of the number of external cause codes assigned on a particular record, there should only be one place of occurrence Code and one activity code assigned to a record.

Y92, Place of occurrence of the external cause,

 Report once, at the initial encounter for treatment with only one code from Y92 category being recorded on the medical record.

Y93, Activity Code

 Report once, at the initial encounter for treatment with only one code from Y93 category being recorded on a medical record.





General Rules:

- Codes from this chapter, Z codes, correspond to the V codes in ICD-9
 - Used for patients who encounter health services for a specific purpose
 - Used when there is a problem that influences health status, but is not a current illness or injury





Physical Examinations:

- Expanded to include physical examination with and without abnormal findings (discovered at the time of the exam)
 - Z00.00 General adult medical exam w/o abnormal findings
 - Z00.121 General adult medical exam w/ abnormal findings





Persons with Potential Health Hazards related to Communicable Diseases:

- Greater specificity to report contact with specific diseases
 - Z20.5 Contact with/exposure to viral hepatitis
- Immunizations reduced to one code
 - Z23 Encounter for immunization
- Addition of code for under-immunization status: Z28.3





Follow-Up Codes:

- Only two follow-up codes in ICD-10:
 - Z08, follow-up exam after completed treated for malignant neoplasm
 - Z09, follow-up exam for other conditions
- Orthopedic Aftercare Codes:
 - Codes for orthopedic aftercare DO NOT apply to follow-up for traumatic fractures; use chapter specific codes to describe these visits





Encounters for Specific Healthcare:

- Codes for fitting and adjustment of artificial limbs including laterality
- More specific codes for pacemaker adjustments
- More specific codes for adjustment of implanted devices of the special senses
- Code for removal of myringotomy tubes





Cancelled Procedures:

- Category expanded to include:
 - Codes added for procedures not carried out due to patient smoking
 - Procedure not carried out due to patient leaving before being seen by health care provider





Socioeconomic and Psychological Circumstances:

- More specificity added to this category including codes for:
 - Problems related to education and literacy
 - Problems related to employment and unemployment
 - Personal history of abuse in childhood





Persons with Potential Health Hazards:

- New codes to specify patient exposure to such things as air pollution, water pollution, and body fluids
- More specificity for long term drug therapy including inhaled vs systemic steroids and opiate analgesics
- Expansion to family and personal history, acquired absence of organs, and allergy status





Persons with Potential Health Hazards (continued):

- Noncompliance codes greatly expanded to include:
 - Noncompliance with dietary regimen
 - Intentional underdosing due to:
 - Financial hardship
 - Age-related debility
 - Unintentional underdosing
 - Noncompliance with dialysis







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