Common ICD-10 Documentation Deficiencies

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 Agenda

Chapter Specific Coding Guidelines:
• Chapter 1: Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (*A00-B99*)
• Chapter 2: Neoplasms (*C00-D49*)
• Chapter 3: Diseases of Blood and Blood Forming Organs (*D50-D89*)
• Chapter 4: Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (*E00-E89*)
  • Diabetes (*E08-E13*)
• Chapter 5: Mental and Behavioral Disorders (*F01-F99*)
• Chapter 6: Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs (*G00-G99*)
• Chapter 7: Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (*H00-H59*)
• Chapter 8: Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (*H60-H95*)
• Chapter 9: Diseases of the Circulatory System and Sense Organs (*I00-I99*)
  • Hypertension (*I10-I15*), RO3.0 for elevated BP (*ICD-9 code 796.2*)
• Chapter 10: Diseases of the Respiratory System (*J00-J99*)
• Chapter 11: Diseases of the Digestive System (*K00-K94*)
• Chapter 12: Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue (*L00-L99*)
• Chapter 13: Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue (*M00-M99*)
Agenda

- Chapter 14: Disease of the Genitourinary System (N00-N99)
- Chapter 15: Pregnancy, Childbirth, Puerperium (O00-O9A)
  - OB, delivery and postpartum services
- Chapter 16: Newborn (Perinatal) Guidelines (P00-P96)
  - Newborn services and reporting stillborn
- Chapter 17: Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00-Q99)
- Chapter 18: Systems, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory Findings, Not Elsewhere Classified (R00-R99)
  - Codes that describe symptoms and signs that are acceptable for reporting purposes and when a related definitive diagnosis has not been established (confirmed) by the provider.
- Chapter 19: Injury, Poisoning and Certain Other Consequences of External Causes (S00-T88)
- Chapter 20: External Causes of Morbidity (V01-Y99)
- Chapter 21: Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00-Z99)
PIECES OF ICD-10
Procedures That Remain with Updated ICD-10-CM

- Reason for first visit
- Code to the highest level of known specificity
- Do not code for “probable, suspected or questionable”
- Code chronic diseases as long as patient is still receiving treatment
Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Coding

- Medicare Advantage Plans
  - Once every 12 months
  - Usually performed at wellness exam (AWV)
  - Causes confusion when performed during medical visit
  - Medical necessity based on treatment
Chapter Specific Guidelines
Encounters for testing for HIV

- If patient is being seen to determine his/her HIV status, use code Z11.4, Encounter for screening for human immunodeficiency virus [HIV]. Use additional codes for any associated high risk behavior.
- If patient with signs or symptoms is being seen for HIV testing, code the signs and symptoms. An additional counseling code Z71.7, Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] counseling, may be used if counseling is provided during the encounter for the test.
- When a patient returns to be informed of his/her HIV test results and the test result is negative, use code Z71.7 , Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] counseling.
- If the results are positive, see previous guidelines and assign codes as appropriate.
Current malignancy versus personal history or malignancy

• When a primary malignancy has been excised but further treatment, such as additional surgery for the malignancy, radiation therapy or chemotherapy is directed to that site, the primary malignancy code should be used until treatment is completed.
Diabetes mellitus and the use of insulin and oral hypoglycemics

- If the documentation in a medical record does not indicate the type of diabetes but does indicate that the patient uses insulin, code E11, Type 2 diabetes mellitus, should be assigned. Code Z79.4, Long-term (current) use of insulin, or Z79.84, Long-term (current) use of oral hypoglycemic drugs, should also be assigned to indicate that the patient uses insulin or hypoglycemic drugs.
Chapter 4: Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases \((E00-E89)\)

- E66 – Overweight or obese
  - Use additional code to identify body mass index (BMI), if known (Z68.-)
    - BMI, 20-29, adult
    - BMI, 30-39, adult
    - BMI, 40 or greater, adult
    - BMI, pediatric
      - By percentile
Psychoactive Substance Use, Abuse And Dependence

When the provider documentation refers to use, abuse and dependence of the same substance (e.g. alcohol, opioid, cannabis, etc.), only one code should be assigned to identify the pattern of use based on the following hierarchy:

- If both use and abuse are documented, assign only the code for abuse
- If both abuse and dependence are documented, assign only code for dependence
- If use, abuse and dependence are all documented, assign only the code for dependence
- If both use and dependence are documented, assign only code for dependence
Chronic Pain

- Chronic pain is classified to subcategory G89.2. There is no time frame defining when pain becomes chronic. The provider’s documentation should be used to guide use of these codes.
Assigning Glaucoma Codes

- Assign as many codes from category H40, Glaucoma, as needed to identify the type of glaucoma, the affected eye, and the glaucoma stage.

Glaucoma Scale:
- 0-Unspecified
- 1-Mid or early stage
- 2-Moderate stage
- 3-Advanced, late, severe Stage
- 4-Indeterminate
Hypertension, Transient

- Assign code R03.0, Elevated blood pressure reading without diagnosis of hypertension, unless patient has an established diagnosis of hypertension.
- Assign code 013.-, Gestational [pregnancy-induced] hypertension without significant proteinuria, or 014.-, Pre-eclampsia, for transient hypertension of pregnancy.
Tobacco Exposure

- Use additional code, where applicable, to identify:
  - Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke - Z77.22
  - Exposure to tobacco smoke in the perinatal period – P96.81
  - History of tobacco dependence – Z87.891
  - Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke – Z57.31
  - Tobacco dependence – F17.-
  - Tobacco use – Z272.0
Chapter 12: Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue (L00-L99)

Pressure ulcer stages

- Codes from category L89, Pressure ulcer, identify the site of the pressure ulcer as well as the stage of the ulcer.
- The ICD-10-CM classifies pressure ulcer stages based on the severity, which is designated by stages 1-4, unspecified stage and unstageable.
- Assign as many codes from category L89 as needed to identify all the pressure ulcers the patient has, if applicable.
Osteoporosis

- Osteoporosis is a systemic condition, meaning that all bones of the musculoskeletal system are affected. Therefore, site is not a component of the codes under category M81 Osteoporosis without current pathological fracture.

- The site codes under category M80, Osteoporosis with current pathological fracture, identify the site of the fracture not the osteoporosis.
Diabetes mellitus in pregnancy

- Diabetes mellitus is a significant complicating factor in pregnancy. Pregnant women who are diabetic should be assigned a code from category 024, Diabetes mellitus in pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium, first, followed by the appropriate diabetes code(s) (E08-E13) from Chapter 4.
Alcohol use during pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium

• Codes under subcategory 099.31, Alcohol use complicating pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium, should be assigned for any pregnancy case when a mother uses alcohol during the pregnancy or postpartum.
Chapter 15: Pregnancy, Childbirth, Puerperium (O00-O9A)

Tobacco use during pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium

- Codes under subcategory 099.33, Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium, should be assigned for any pregnancy case when a mother uses any type of tobacco product during pregnancy or postpartum.
Application of 7th Characters in Chapter 19

- 7th Character “A”

Initial encounter is used for each encounter where the patient is receiving active treatment for the condition.
Application of 7th Characters in Chapter 19th

- 7th Character “D”

Subsequent encounter is used for encounters after the patient has completed active treatment of the condition and is receiving routine care for the condition during the healing or recovery phase.

- The aftercare Z-codes should not be used for aftercare for conditions such as injuries or poisonings where 7th characters are provided to identify subsequent care.
Application of 7th Characters in Chapter 19th

- 7th Character “S”

Sequela, is for use for complications or conditions that arise as a direct result of a condition, such as scar formation after a burn. The scars are a sequela of the burn. When using 7th character “S” it is necessary to use both the injury code that precipitated the sequela and the code for the sequela itself. The “S” is added only to the injury code. The specific type of sequela is sequenced first, followed by the injury code.
Chapter 21: Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00-Z99)

Z00.0-Encounter for general adult medical examination (with or without abnormal findings)
  • Not to be used for examinations done regarding a sign or symptom

Z00.1-Encounter for health exam of the newborns and routine children (with or without abnormal findings)
  • If examination is done strictly for administrative purposes not relating to any specific conditions then pre-existing, chronic and history codes may be applied
    Z00.121-Encounter for routine child health examination WITH abnormal findings
    Z00.129-Encounter for routine child health examination WITHOUT abnormal findings
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**Z01.41**-Annual GYN exam (with or without abnormal findings)

- **Z01.411**-Encounter for GYN (exam)(routine) WITH abnormal findings
- **Z01.419**-Encounter for GYN (exam)(routine) WITHOUT abnormal findings
- **Z01.42**-Encounter for cervical smear to confirm findings of recent normal smear following initial abnormal smear

- If encounter is coded while test results are outstanding it is acceptable to code for “without abnormal findings”
Z01.20-.21 - Encounters for dental exam and cleaning (with or without abnormal findings)

Z01.8 - Encounters for pre-procedural exams for cardio, respiratory, lab, allergy, blood typing, antibody responses
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**Z02-Z04**-Encounters for administrative exams
- Z02.5-Sports physical
- Z02.71-Disability exams
- Z04.71 and Z04.72-Exams following alleged adult or child abuse

**Z11**-Encounter for screening for infectious and parasitic disease
- Z11.3-Encounter for screening for infection with predominately sexual mode of transmission
- Z11.4-Encounter for HIV
- Z11.59-Encounter for other viral disease
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Z13-Encounter for screening for other disease and disorder
  Z13.6-Encounter for screening for cardiovascular disorder

Z23-Encounter for Immunization
  • Code first any routine childhood examinations

Z28-Immunization not carried out and under immunization status
Chapter 21: Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00-Z99)

Z30-Contraceptive management
  Z30.42-Encounter for surveillance of injectable contraceptives
  Z30.49-Encounter for surveillance of other contraceptives
  • Codes used to identify initial prescription as well as ongoing surveillance
  • Options include pills, injectable or IUD’s

Z32-Encounter for pregnancy test, results unknown

Z48-Encounters for post-procedural aftercare
  Z48.00-Change/removal of nonsurgical dressing
  Z48.01-Change/removal of surgical wound dressing
  Z48.02-Encounter for removal of sutures
Chapter 21: Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00-Z99)

**Z72**-Problems related to lifestyle
- **Z72.0**-Tobacco use
- **Z72.3**-Lack of exercise
- **Z72.4**-Inappropriate diet and eating habits

**Z73**-Problems relating to life management difficulty

**Z79**-Long-term (current) drug therapy; Including anticoagulants, antithrombotic, NSAID, hormonal contraceptives, insulin, steroids
- **Z51.81**-Code any therapeutic drug-level monitoring
Questions?

Thank You