

DPH ICD-10 Project Update December 12, 2014

Countdown: 292 days until 10/1/15 Transition

DPH ICD-10 Implementation Project Manager Transition:

- Jodi Burnett, PMP and HIS Business Tech Support Specialist will assume project management responsibilities (e.g., status reporting, project schedule, maintenance of the ICD-10 Contacts list) in addition to managing the provider/trading partner testing. Questions regarding the DPH ICD-10 Implementation Project should be sent to Jodi.Burnett@dhhs.nc.gov
- Coding questions from local health departments should be directed to the appropriate regional nurse consultant.
- Sarah Brooks is retiring but she will do limited work related to coding training only going forward. She is currently finalizing the LHD and CDSA coding training materials. Questions related to training can be sent to Sarah.Brooks@dhhs.nc.gov; however, e-mails will only be checked about twice a month.

DPH ICD-10 Coding Training:

- LHD Training
 - Each course is being divided into shorter units to better accommodate recorded webinars so LHDs will have more flexibility for scheduling staff training
 - Question and answer sessions with the nurse consultants and Sarah Brooks will be offered for each course on a pre-scheduled basis
 - Training is slated to begin in May 2015
- CDSA Training
 - 'Live' webinar and face-to-face training will be offered
 - The coding resource guide developed by a workgroup of CDSA practitioners and EI Branch staff will be incorporated into the training
 - Training is slated to begin in June 2015

Breaking News:

Legislative Changes to ICD-10, MU Likely Dead for Now

A massive spending bill to fund almost all of the federal government for fiscal 2015, as reported from committees, does not contain language to delay the ICD-10 compliance date or impose a 90-day EHR meaningful use reporting period in 2015. The House and Senate have two days to debate and pass the legislation before funding for the government ends on Dec. 11. If the congressional term ends without action on ICD-10 and meaningful use, the issues can be reconsidered in the new term that starts in January. And early in the term, Congress again will consider changes to the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate formula for paying physicians. Last year's SGR fix included a one-year ICD-10 delay to October 2015.

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ICD-10 Code Set Provides a Much-Improved View of Diseases

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With continued discussion about the coming adoption of the ICD-10 code set, we learn more and more about its great assets, which provide enhanced views into many different diseases. Yes, there are still some non-supporters of ICD-10, and it's a real shame that they don't see the value to our patient population – as that is what this is all about. One of the problems is that those who are opposing ICD-10 implementation are not becoming more knowledgeable and learning about the code set itself.

Although chronic disease data focus often falls on the senior population, the younger or non-senior population is equally important. The condition of asthma is a disease that affects a large number of people. Statistics show that in the United States, asthma is one of the most common chronic disorders in childhood, currently affecting an estimated 7.1 million children under 18 years (of which 4.1 million suffered from an asthma attack or episode in 2011).

Asthma can be a life-threatening disease if not properly managed. In 2011, a total of 3,345 deaths were attributed to asthma. However, deaths due to asthma are rare among children. The number of deaths increases with age. In 2011, a total of 169 children under 15 died from asthma, compared to 633 adults over 85.

ICD-10-CM has incorporated new clinical terminology so that asthma now can be categorized by degree of severity — mild, moderate, or severe.

See the following example:

[J45](#) Asthma

[J45.2](#) Mild intermittent asthma

[J45.20](#) uncomplicated

[J45.21](#) with (acute) exacerbation

[J45.22](#) with status asthmaticus

An Additional example:

J45.50 Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated

Replaces ICD-9-CM:

493.00 Extrinsic asthma, unspecified

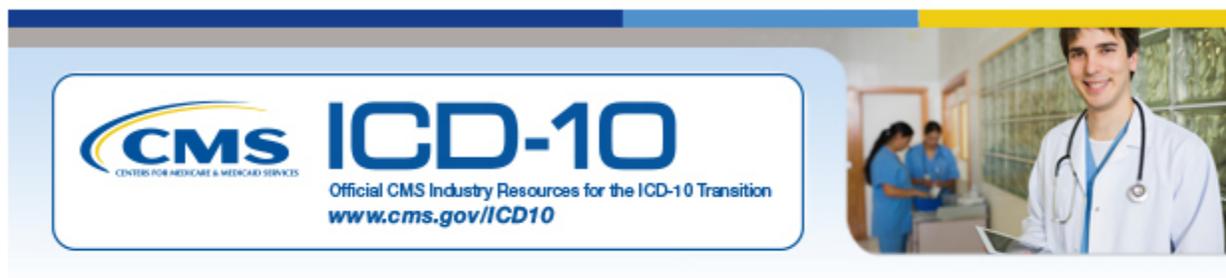
493.10 Intrinsic asthma, unspecified

In ICD-10, asthma is further categorized as either intermittent or persistent (intermittent often means the asthma has an external trigger; therefore, it is extrinsic/allergic in its cause. This is a great benefit of the new code set.)

Keep in mind that the ICD-10 code set will be used to monitor the incidence and prevalence of diseases and other health problems. It will be used to classify diseases and other health problems recorded on many types of health and vital records, including death certificates and health records.

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News Updates December 11, 2014

Coding for ICD-10-CM: More of the Basics MLN Connects™ Video

In this MLN Connects™ video on [Coding for ICD-10-CM: More of the Basics](#), Sue Bowman from the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and Nelly Leon-Chisen from the American Hospital Association (AHA) provide a basic introduction to ICD-10-CM coding. The objective of this video is to enhance viewers' understanding of the characteristics and unique features of ICD-10-CM, as well as similarities and differences between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM. The video covers:

How to assign a diagnosis code using ICD-10-CM

ICD-10-CM code structure

Coding process and examples: Combination codes, 7th character, placeholder "x," excludes notes, unspecified codes, external cause codes

Resources for coders

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