

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

FY19 ICD-10-CM/PCS CODING UPDATES



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Every year coding guideline updates are released on October 1st. While I can't go over every update, here is a quick view of some of the updates.

All updates and guidelines are available for your review at the Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) website.

<https://www.cds.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm>

ICD-10-CM Updates

Total of 473 code changes

- 279 New Codes
- 143 Revised Codes
- 51 Deactivated codes

Narrative changes within the guidelines (Changes in bold)

- **“WITH”** the word “with or “in” should be interpreted to mean “associated with” or “due to” when it appears in a code title, the Alphabetic Index (**either under a main term or sub term**), or an instructional note in the Tabular List.
- **Documentation for BMI by Clinicians other than the Patient's Provider.** Code assignment is based on the documentation by patient's provider (i.e. physician or other qualified healthcare practitioner legally accountable for establishing the patient's diagnoses).
- **Use of Z Codes.** Z codes (other reason for healthcare encounters) may be assigned as appropriate to further explain the reasons for presenting for healthcare services, including transfers between healthcare facilities. The ICD-10-CM Guidelines for coding and Reporting identify which codes may be assigned as principal or first listed diagnosis only, secondary (depending on the circumstances). Possible applicable Z codes include:
 - **Z59.0 Homelessness**
 - **Z59.1 Inadequate Housing**
 - **Z95.5 Extreme poverty**
 - **Z75.1 Person awaiting admission to adequate facility elsewhere**

ICD-10-PCS Updates

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) administers the information for the ICD-10-PCS coding updates and this can all be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Meidcare/Coding/ICD10/2019-ICD-10-PCS.html>

Total number of changes per section

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| • Medical and Surgical | 168 |
| • Administration | 1 |
| • Extracorporeal Assistance and Performance | 2 |
| • New Technology | 5 |

GRAND TOTAL OF CHANGES 176

There was a total of 392 new codes added and 216 deleted codes. 8 codes have been revised within the PCS sections.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE
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PLEASE VISIT THE FETURED LINKS BELOW**

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