

Dear Valued Client,

This communication serves as a reminder to you regarding the annual ICD-9-CM coding update to be effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2008.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) transaction and code set rule requires use of the medical code set that is valid at the time the service is provided. ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are considered a medical code set.

As you know, the ordering physician is responsible for providing correct diagnosis code(s). ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are required by the majority of third-party payors to confirm the medical necessity of the test(s) and/or profile(s) ordered. Physicians are asked to submit all medically appropriate ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes when ordering laboratory testing.

Listed below are the ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes that are invalid after September 30, 2008. These ICD-9-CM codes must be at a higher level of specificity to be valid codes as of October 1, 2008. For a complete list of new diagnosis codes, invalid diagnosis codes, and revised diagnosis code titles, please visit the following Web Site:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1566CP.pdf>

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes Invalid after September 30, 2008

Diagnosis Code	Description
046.1	Jakob-Creutzfeldt Disease
051.0	Cowpox
136.2	Specific Infections by Free-Living Amebae
259.5	Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome
337.0	Idiopathic Peripheral Autonomic Neuropathy
511.8	Other Specified Forms of Effusion, Except Tuberculous
599.7	Hematuria
611.8	Other Specified Disorders of Breast
695.1	Erythema Multiforme
729.9	Other and Unspecified Disorders of Soft Tissue
760.6	Fetus or Newborn Affected by Maternal Conditions which May be Unrelated to Present Pregnancy, Surgical Operation on Mother
777.5	Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Fetus or Newborn
780.6	Fever
788.9	Other Symptoms Involving Urinary System
795.1	Nonspecific Abnormal Papanicolaou Smear of Other Site
997.3	Respiratory Complications
999.8	Other Transfusion Reaction
V13.5	Personal History of Other Musculoskeletal Disorders
V15.2	Personal History of Surgery to Other Major Organs
V15.5	Personal History of Injury
V28.8	Encounter for Other Specified Antenatal Screening
V45.1	Renal Dialysis Status
V51	Aftercare Involving the Use of Plastic Surgery
V61.0	Family Disruption
V62.2	Other Occupational Circumstances or Maladjustment

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