

## ICD-10 CODES

**In April of this year, we asked that clients begin providing all ICD-9 codes in numeric format. We appreciate your efforts to streamline processes and decrease the denial rate of non-covered charges for your patients.**

Many resources are available to clinicians so that they can begin to prepare for the upcoming change from ICD-9 to ICD-10. As your office prepares for this transition, we will work together with you to provide continuous quality care for your patients. Primarily, changes to ICD-10 are in its organization and structure, code composition, and level of detail. While ICD-9 has 17,000 available codes, ICD-10 will have 32,000. Medicare can accept up to 14 diagnosis codes per claim. ICD-10 relies heavily on anatomy, medical terminology, mortality, and morbidity.

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Already implemented in Europe and in the Pharmacy setting, ICD-10 codes will be 3-7 characters in length, alpha and numeric, and with the decimal used after the third character. The 7<sup>th</sup> character classifies an initial encounter, subsequent encounter or late effect. **An alpha listing of the chapter classifications is listed on the reverse side of this memo.**

Your practice may be impacted financially by these changes that will affect reimbursement. We look forward to working with you to enable timely planning, development, education, testing and implementation. Additional compliance information may be found at [www.cms.gov/ICD10](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10).

**Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin faxing any narrative diagnosis submissions to your office for translation into numeric ICD-9 format.**

For a full listing of all test specimen requirements and transport temperatures, please consult our Reference Guide by visiting our website at [www.metromedlab.com](http://www.metromedlab.com), or contact our Marketing department at 309-762-8555, ext. 3611 for a printed version.

## ICD-10-CM Chapter Format

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<b>A and B</b>	Certain infectious and parasitic disease
<b>C00 – D48</b>	Neoplasm
<b>D50 – D89</b>	Disease of blood, blood forming organs, certain disorders involving the immune system
<b>E -</b>	Endocrine, nutritional, metabolic diseases
<b>F-</b>	Mental and behavioral health
<b>G-</b>	Disease of nervous system
<b>H00 – H59</b>	Disease of eye and adnexa
<b>H60 – H95</b>	Disease of the ear and mastoid process
<b>I -</b>	Disease of the circulatory system
<b>J -</b>	Disease of the respiratory system
<b>K -</b>	Disease of the digestive system
<b>L -</b>	Disease of the skin and subcutaneous
<b>M -</b>	Disease of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue
<b>N -</b>	Disease of the genitourinary system
<b>O -</b>	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
<b>P -</b>	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
<b>Q -</b>	Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal
<b>R -</b>	Symptoms, signs, and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings NEC
<b>S and T</b>	Injury poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes
<b>U -</b>	This letter is currently left vacant
<b>V,W,X,Y</b>	External causes of morbidity and mortality
<b>Z -</b>	Factors influencing health status and contact with health services