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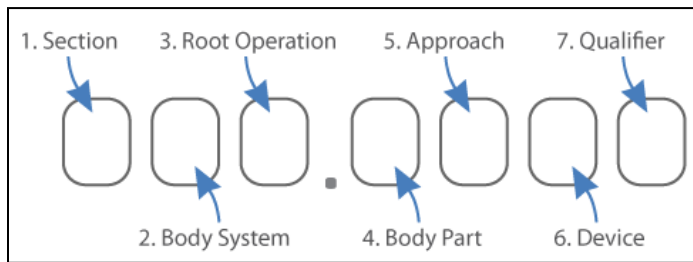
Laughter is the best medicine

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Why 7 digits? - The ICD-10 Breakdown

Ever wonder why ICD-10 codes have so many characters? Or the logic behind the character placement? Well it turns out, they

aren't just random numbers that a computer spit out to be applied to the next diagnosis that needed a number. Each number is in a specific place for a specific reason.



The codes in ICD-10 have three, four, five six or even seven characters. The three character codes are usually headings for categories of codes and expand to afford more specific details about that category of diagnosis. The first digit will be an alpha character beginning the description of the type of diagnosis it is. Combined with the third and

fourth character, these three could stand alone as a legitimate code if the diagnosis cannot be further specified.

The next three characters relate to the etiology of the diagnosis, the cause, the disease or condition and where it's located.

The seventh placement is the most significant difference between ICD-9 and ICD-10 because it describes whether or not the encounter for this diagnosis was the initial encounter, subsequent encounter or for a condition that is a direct result of the reason for an initial encounter. A scar would be an appropriate example of this seventh character.

For conditions involving

multiple sites, there is often a "multiple sites" code. Arthritis would be a good example of this. If a multiple sites code is not available, each site would have to be reported with the code relating to that body part.

A great source of help in determining codes is found at www.findacode.com. It provides the means to find ICD-9, ICD-10, HCPCS, Modifiers and more!

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Fun Fact



For the first 'alpha' character in an ICD-10 code, every letter of the alphabet is used... except for the letter U.

Availity asks...

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOUR ICD-10 CODES ARE CORRECT?

If you're concerned about the transition to ICD-10 being only a few weeks away, check out Availity's Webinar series in The Availity Learning Center. Everything from getting your

claims paid to managing denials to coding for specialty groups. You'll find it at www.availity.com, the Learning Center is in the Resources at the bottom of the home page.



Workers' Compensation Claims

Workers' compensation is considered a non-covered entity by CMS and claims are not subject to the ICD-10 mandate. The industry is governed by state law, and some states will be adopting ICD-10 for workers' compensation while others will not. Therefore, Availity will accept ICD-9 **and** ICD-10 for ALL workers' compensation claims with dates of service/dates of discharge on or after October 1, 2015. For this reason, it is imperative that you understand the coding requirements for your state in order to send the appropriate codes.

How does this affect me and MicroMD?

Inside the MicroMD PM Maintenance Plan, on the ID tab, you will find a check box that when selected will force ICD-9 codes to be applied to claims to a plan after October 1, 2015.



Plan	Plan Sched.	Cap Procs	PreCert Procs	IDs	Procs Allowed	Provider Credentials	CrossCode Messages	Ref Dr.	Misc	Contact
Plan Practice Id						Medigap Id				
Payer Type	BNC					Plan Code				
Payer Id	SB621	Qualifier	PI - Pay	NAIC Code						
Claim Office Id	NOCD			NAIC Suffix						
Org Name (1000B)				Insured Address						
Org Id (1000B)		Policy Qual	MI - Mer	Insurance Type	GP - GR					
Referral Taxonomy				Emdeon 2310D						
Status Payer ID		Qualifier	PI - Pay	Eligibility Payer ID						
Status Form Type	1 -CMS-150	Provider ID		Elig Form Type	1 -CMS-150	Provider ID	Federal			
Suppress sbr03 sbr04	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suppress 2010ab	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suppress 2310a	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suppress 2310b	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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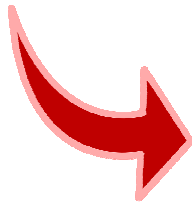
Use ICD-9 On Claims: Check this checkbox to force the plan to use ICD-9 on claims even after the ICD-10 changeover date.

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Your webinar will begin shortly...

Please join us for our EMR webinars every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday, of every month!

Submit your questions or requests anytime you would like to see something covered during our webinar.



New Website!



Watch for MSCI's brand new re-designed web-site!

More information, more interactive! With on-going updates and featuring publishing like this newsletter, links to our Support Center, live-chats and more!

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MSCI Monthly EMR User Forum

Registration Link Below

- Session XCII-

Join us for our PM Webinar
Wednesday September 9, 2015
at 10:00 AM CST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1475468007565101314>

Reminder: The deadline for user submitted questions is 9/8/2015!

And..

Join us again for our EMR Webinar
Wednesday September 16, 2015
at 10:00 AM CST.

Register now

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3511820716810882050>

Reminder: The deadline for user submitted questions is 9/15/2015!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



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Humor Can Help

In stressful times such as these where Meaningful Use has its challenges and PQRS has you scrambling to add CPT codes to claims and the deadline for the ICD-10 transition is just a few short weeks away, it's always good to keep a sense of humor.

Perhaps these unusual and funny ICD-10 codes will help brighten your day. There's tons of them!

1. **Z63.1 Problems with the in-laws**

Put the whole family in one room during the holiday season and things can get ugly.

2. **T71.231D Asphyxiation due to being trapped in a discarded refrigerator, accidental**

I don't care how much you love your Kenmore Elite; when it's time to discard it, let it go.

3. **V97.33XD Sucked into jet engine, subsequent encounter**

You got sucked into a jet engine and lived, only to get sucked back in. That's rough.

4. **W55.29XA: Other contact with cow, subsequent encounter**

Apparently, there's a lot that can go wrong during interactions with cows.

5. **V91.07XA Burn due to water skis on fire, initial encounter**

I feel like this code exists simply because of daredevils vying for YouTube glory.

6. **W22.02XD Walked into lamppost, subsequent encounter**

I actually know someone...

7. **W49.01XA Hair causing external constriction, initial encounter**

Do they mean your actual hair or the Tony Award-winning musical Hair?

8. **V80.730A Animal-rider injured in collision with trolley**

But what happened to the animal? Did it not collide with the trolley?

9. **W56.22xA Struck by orca, initial encounter**

It's so awesome of a code that it spawned a book, website, and artistic movement

10. **Z62.1 Parental overprotection**

Psychology Today warned us about this.

