

ALERT-2008 ICD-9-CM CODES

It's time to review your charge tickets and encounter forms to see if the 2008 revisions and/or additions affect your practice. These diagnosis codes take effect on October 1, 2007, and CMS does not allow a grace period: Claims with invalid codes will be rejected. Be sure to verify all ICD-9-CM codes with your new 2008 ICD-9-CM manual.

This year, there are far fewer codes than previous years. For 2008, there are 142 new, five revised, and 17 invalid codes. In 2007, there were almost 300 changes. Check the following list of new, revised, and invalid endocrine specific codes to verify which ones may impact your practice.

New Diagnosis Codes

Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders

- 255.41 Glucocorticoid deficiency
- 255.42 Mineralocorticoid deficiency
- 258.01 Multiple endocrine neoplasia [MEN] type 1
- 258.02 Multiple endocrine neoplasia [MEN] type IIA
- 258.03 Multiple endocrine neoplasia [MEN] type IIB

V codes - Persons with potential health hazards related to personal and family history

- V18.11 Family history of multiple endocrine neoplasia [MEN] syndrome
- V18.19 Family history of other endocrine and metabolic diseases

Invalid 2008 Diagnosis Codes

Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders

- 255.4 Corticoadrenal insufficiency
- 258.0 Polyglandular activity in multiple endocrine adenomatosis

V codes - Persons with potential health hazards related to personal and family history

- V18.1 Family history of other endocrine and metabolic diseases

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,
www.cms.hhs.gov/icd9providerdiagnosticcodes/07_summarytables.asp