

TRICARE Management Activity's Information Management (IM) Division and the Military Health System (MHS) are continuing with the implementation of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) by 1 October, 2013. With International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) the health care industry will have the ability to collect more detailed data. More detailed data capture could then be used to support evidenced based clinical care protocols that reduce cost and improve quality of care over time.

ICD-10 Delivers Positive Changes for Data Collection

Some of the areas where ICD-10-CM allows greater specificity are: Mental Health, Obstetrics, Orthopedics, and External Causes of Morbidity.

Collecting Data for Mental Health:

Many of the mental health diagnoses can be documented with specific information included in a code; for example, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) (F43.1) can be detailed to specify if the disorder is unspecified, acute or chronic. ICD-9 does not allow for these details to be coded.

Collecting Data for Obstetrics:

With ICD-10, the episode of care (delivered, antepartum, postpartum) is no longer the axis of classification. Providers find it necessary to distinguish between trimesters in order to document the level of care administered in obstetrics. The ability to collect data based on what types of issues occur during the various trimesters could help improve obstetrical care.

Collecting Data for Orthopedics:

Many orthopedic conditions can require long term care. With ICD-10, care givers will have the ability to code if a closed fracture to the right forearm has delayed healing (S52.351G). This information could be useful when determining the amount of time and resources healthcare providers will need to allocate to the patient's care. In addition, with ICD-10 coding there is the ability to collect a separate axis of care (initial, subsequent, and sequela: an aftereffect of disease, condition, or injury).

Collecting Data for External Cause of Morbidity:

In ICD-9, External Causes of Injury have changed to External Causes of Morbidity (ICD-10). Only the initial episode of care may have an external cause of injury code when coding with ICD-9. However, with ICD-10 it is acceptable to assign as many external cause codes as necessary for each subsequent encounter.

An example for how ICD-10 codes will improve data collection for External Causes of Morbidity:

A patient was bitten by a dog and admitted for treatment, however, returned for additional care.

The ICD-9 code that is used for only the initial encounter:

- E906.0: Other injury caused by animals. Dog bite.

With ICD-9, there is no indication of initial, subsequent, or sequela encounters available.

The ICD-10 codes that are used for each encounter:

- W54.0xxA: Bitten by dog. Initial encounter
- W54.0xxD: Bitten by dog. Subsequent encounter.
- W54.0xxS: Bitten by dog. Sequela encounter.

The appropriate 7th character is to be added to each code from category W54 to indicate the encounter.

Upcoming Events!!

March 19 – 20, 2012

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis Coding – Chicago, IL

<http://www.ahima.org/Events/EventCalendar/Event.aspx?Id=7e228a65-6d44-41fe-bb79-4347034b439f>

April 16 – 17, 2012

AHIMA 2012 ICD-10 Summit: Strategies for a Successful ICD-10-CM/PCS Transition, Baltimore, MD

<http://www.ahima.org/Events/EventCalendar/Event.aspx?Id=af543dab-591b-4df2-ae86-eea81d7f908c>

April 30 – May 3, 2012

21st Annual WEDI National Conference

<http://www.wedi.org/forms/meeting/MeetingFormPublic/view?id=1A1F500000590>

Note that the above ICD-10 related links are provided as informational resources only and do not constitute an endorsement of any non-Government site or entity.

Breaking NEWS

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a press release to notify the health care industry that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will re-evaluate the implementation timeline for ICD-10. Pending a final and official decision by CMS, the MHS is staying the course and is continuing to work on transitioning to ICD-10.

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