

You must use:

ICD-10 codes for all services provided on or after October 1
ICD-9 codes for all services provided before October 1

As with ICD-9, ample resources are available to assist you with coding and clinical documentation for ICD-10.

Official government coding guidelines cover:

- Diagnosis coding: [ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting 2016](#)
- Inpatient procedure coding: [ICD-10-PCS Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting 2016](#)



CMS offers documentation and coding basics for clinicians

[Road to 10 Clinical Concepts Series](#) has tailored guidance for:

- [Family Practice](#)
- [Internal Medicine](#)
- [Pediatrics](#)
- [OB/GYN](#)
- [Cardiology](#)
- [Orthopedics](#)

Learn how to assign an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code with MLN Connects videos:

- [ICD-10 Coding Basics](#)
- [Coding for ICD-10-CM: More of the Basics](#)



Free lists of codes and ICD-9/ICD-10 mappings

are available from CMS as well as vendors and trade associations, for example:

- [2016 ICD-10-CM and GEMs \(CMS\)](#)
- [2016 ICD-10-PCS and GEMs \(CMS\)](#)
- [CMS ICD-10 Code Lookup](#)
- [ICD-10 Code Translator \(AAPC\)](#)



- **Several free and low-cost smartphone apps** are available on [Google Play](#) and the [Apple Store](#).
- **Many electronic health record (EHR) products and practice management systems** prompt users for required documentation and feature computer-assisted coding.
- **Some system vendors and clearinghouses** offer training to customers and potential customers.
- **Some health care trade associations and medical societies** provide coding resources at no or little cost to their members, with premium costs sometimes charged to nonmembers.

Membership is not required to submit coding questions to the American Hospital Association's [codingclinicadvisor.com](#) or [view AHA's free webinars](#) (registration is required).

When contacting the Coding Clinic Advisor for free assistance, include documentation and specify whether your question refers to a specific setting like a skilled nursing facility or home health services.

Please note that the Coding Clinic Advisor will not respond to inquiries that include personal health information (PHI) or the names of providers or health care facilities.

Please see the [Coding Clinic Advisor FAQs](#) for more, including a list of topics that are out of scope for this service.

Remember: The process for looking up an ICD-10 code—whether in a book or in an electronic product—remains essentially the same as the process for looking up an ICD-9 code.