

Note to M+C Organizations Regarding ICD-9 Code Differences in Final CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Model

Update to the Final CMS-HCC Model ICD-9 Code List

Note: There are some differences between the final version of the ICD-9 code list for the CMS-HCC model and the draft version published in April, 2002. Eleven ICD-9 codes have been deleted and two new ICD-9 codes have being added to the list. These changes are incorporated in the CMS-HCC code list published at <http://cms.hhs.gov/MCRAAdvSpecificRatesAndStatistics/downloads/ICD-HCC2004.zip> (posted 5/30/2003). It is important that all organizations - especially those filtering diagnoses based on inclusion in the CMS-HCC model - update their systems to reflect these changes.

The two additional codes are:

- ICD-9 code 49322 - Chronic Obstructive Asthma with Acute Exacerbations (Disease Group (DG 108)
- ICD-9 code 78031 - Febrile Convulsions (DG 74)

Annual Updates

It is also important to note that the final list of CMS-HCC model ICD-9 codes will be updated by early Fall, 2003 to reflect the annual update of the ICD-9 code set. These routine updates take place annually as new codes are added to the ICD-9 code set.