

Clarification on Use of Seventh Character Extensions in ICD-10-CM under the IRF PPS

As indicated in the FY 2015 IRF PPS final rule (79 FR 45872), effective with discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2015, ICD-10-CM codes with the seventh character extension of “D” are not included in the ICD-10-CM versions of the “List of Comorbidities,” “ICD-10-CM Codes That Meet Presumptive Compliance Criteria,” or “Impairment Group Codes That Meet Presumptive Compliance Criteria.” Thus, ICD -10-CM diagnosis codes with the seventh character extension of “D”, if used on the IRF-PAI, will not identify a case as meeting the IRF 60 percent rule requirements under the presumptive methodology. The instructions outlined in the FY 2015 IRF PPS final rule regarding use of the seventh character in the IRF setting apply to reporting on the **IRF-PAI only**.