

ICD-10-CM Code Changes Effective October 1, 2024

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The October 2024 ICD-10-CM codes have been released and are effective beginning October 1, 2024. The federal government's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30 of the next year. The October 2024 ICD-10-CM releases can be found [here](#) and are applicable for healthcare services provided from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Beginning in 2022, ICD-10-CM is updated on April 1 and October 1. The last update contained only minor edits to wording. This release replaces the April 1, 2024 ICD-10-CM release.

The majority of changes for the October 2024 edition were minor edits with a few significant changes pertinent to eyecare highlighted below. Providers should review the October 2024 Guidelines which contain an excellent review of the "Diagnosis Coding Rules" and how to appropriately utilize the ICD-10-CM codes. The following is a summary of significant changes found within the October 2024 Guidelines.

ICD-10-CM October 2024 Guidelines

Section I (p7-19) Good overview of diagnosis code use, particularly Section 19 on page 17 -Coding for Encounters in Hurricane Aftermath.

Chapter 4 guidelines (p 39-41) detail how to code appropriately for the various types of Diabetes

Chapter 7 guidelines (p 47 - 48) contain important information on coding for Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa with details for coding glaucoma and blindness.

Chapter 9 guidelines for circulatory diseases contain information on coding Hypertensive Retinopathy (p.50).

Chapter 19 guidelines contain details for using the 7th Character appropriately for Injury, poisoning, and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88) (page 76). As well, this chapter contains many details for coding other consequences from external causes which can be useful when coding ocular injuries appropriately.

Chapter 21 guidelines (beginning on page 91) have instructions for using Z codes - Factors influencing health status and contact with health services (Z00-Z99) beginning on page 91. These codes are used for patients with history of or family history of a condition, for screening examination coding and high-risk medications and the like. Beginning on page 105, the coding for the Social Determinants of Health are detailed.

Section II (p 106) contains more details for selecting which diagnosis should be considered principal for any particular patient encounter.

Section III (p 109) has details on how to report other additional diagnoses.

Section IV (p 110) details to report diagnostic coding for outpatient (office-based) encounters.

Highlights of important changes to the Tabular Listing are listed below. However, if your practice involves atypical or unusual patient conditions, a complete review of the changes for October 2024 would be useful. In addition, if you encounter an unusual patient condition, please follow the appropriate steps in order to properly code the diagnosis. You can find all of the ICD-10-CM files in this [zip file](#). The steps are as follows:

1. Use the Alphabetic Index to look up the patient's condition.
2. Go to the appropriate section of the Tabular Listing to locate the appropriate code, being sure to read all the instructions in that section
3. Use the appropriate Indices when coding for lesions, drug complications and so forth which streamline your search for the appropriate diagnosis code(s).

Each year, ICD-10-CM details all changes in an addendum so that the changes can be quickly identified. Below is a summary of changes from this [October 2024 Tabular Listing Addendum](#) that are important to eye care providers. Again, if you encounter unusual or atypical conditions, be sure to follow the appropriate steps in order to obtain the proper diagnosis code.

ICD-10-CM TABULAR LIST of DISEASES and INJURIES Changes for October 2024

Chapter 4 Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases (E00-E89): Providers should review this entire section. Here are a few highlighted changes, particular to E10.X and E11.X sections.

<i>No Change</i>	E10 Type 1 diabetes mellitus
<i>No Change</i>	E10.6 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with other specified complications
<i>No Change</i>	E10.64 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia
<i>Add</i>	Use Additional code for hypoglycemia level, if applicable (E16.A-)
<i>Add</i>	E10.A Type 1 diabetes mellitus, presymptomatic
<i>Add</i>	Early-stage type 1 diabetes mellitus
<i>Add</i>	E10.A0 Type 1 diabetes mellitus, presymptomatic, unspecified
<i>Add</i>	E10.A1 Type 1 diabetes mellitus, presymptomatic, Stage 1
<i>Add</i>	Multiple confirmed islet autoantibodies with normoglycemia
<i>Add</i>	E10.A2 Type 1 diabetes mellitus, presymptomatic, Stage 2
<i>Add</i>	Confirmed islet autoimmunity with dysglycemia
<i>No Change</i>	E11 Type 2 diabetes mellitus
<i>Add</i>	Use Additional injectable non-insulin antidiabetic drugs (Z79.85)
<i>No Change</i>	E11.6 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other specified complications
<i>No Change</i>	E11.64 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia
<i>Add</i>	Use Additional code for hypoglycemia level, if applicable (E16.A-)

Chapter 7 Diseases of the eye and adnexa (H00-H59): The main changes in this section were minor edits without any new diagnosis codes added. The AOA Coding and Reimbursement Committee were hoping to have a new code for demodex blepharitis but this has been delays and in not included in the October 2024 ICD-10-CM edition.

Chapter 21 Factors influencing health status and contact with health services (Z00-Z99). There were a few changes that might be of interest.

<i>No Change</i>	Z59 Problems related to housing and economic circumstances
<i>No Change</i>	Z59.7 Insufficient social insurance and welfare support
<i>Add</i>	Insufficient social and welfare insurance
<i>Add</i>	Z59.71 Insufficient health insurance coverage
<i>Add</i>	Inadequate social insurance
<i>Add</i>	Insufficient social insurance
<i>Add</i>	No health insurance coverage
<i>Add</i>	Z59.72 Insufficient welfare support
<i>Add</i>	Inadequate welfare support

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