

Changes to ICD-10-CM Codes Effective October 1, 2025

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A few years ago, the Centers for Disease Control opted to release [new ICD-10-CM version](#) in both October and April. The changes effective in April of each year are typically minor but should be reviewed nonetheless. In the past few years, the number of changes for the October release directly impacting Optometry have been small. For the release October 2025, there are a few more changes to be considered. The recommendation is that each provider review the addenda summary for changes to ensure that claims are not denied because an old or obsolete code was used.

A review of the ICD-10-CM Guidelines yearly is an important task for new providers, new staff members who will deal with coding or established practitioners to ensure the diagnosis codes are being properly applied. The Guidelines cover the basic terminology used in ICD-10-CM as well as how to search and apply any code that might be unfamiliar. After the Guidelines are reviewed, an in-depth review of the Tabular Listing addenda is worthwhile. ICD-10-CM also published a new Alphabetical Index of Diseases and Injuries addenda twice a year along with an index for drugs, neoplasms, and external causes of injuries. All of these addenda can be found [here](#).

All of the references and the summary of changes for the October 2025 release can be found in the document at the end of this summary. The changes include one code set that may impact many Optometrists. In Chapter 1, there is a new code to be used for demodex infestations – B88.01. There is also a Code Also note attached indicating that providers should use the appropriate code for eyelid inflammation which is described under a new section H01.8 (found in Chapter 7) when such inflammation is present. (See the attached summary of ICD-10-CM changes effective October 1, 2025)

There is one new code set of interest found in Chapter 4. This code describes a patient with Type II Diabetes Mellitus that is in remission without complications (E11A).

Chapter 7 covered the majority of the codes for typical ocular conditions. H05.83 section describes Thyroid Orbitopathy and consists of several codes along with a Code Also note. The CDC made some editorial edits to H33 and H35 sections of Chapter 7, changing Excludes1 notes to Excludes2 notes. A new code set under glaucoma was added to describe Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma (H40.84).

The final code changes that might be of interest is in Chapter 20 Activities Codes used when injuries occur. The code set is Y93 to describe Other Activities specifically Y93.L1 Activity, wood splitting. Happy Coding...

References:

October 1, 2025 ICD-10-CM Files (zip drive):

https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Publications/ICD10CM/2026/

Complete files: [icd10cm-table and index-2026.zip](#)

Guidelines: [ICD-10-CM-October-2025-Guidelines.pdf](#)

Addenda: [icd10cm-addenda-2026.zip](#)

Summary of Changes for October 2025

This is not a complete list. All providers are encouraged to review the complete addenda to become familiar with changes not listed below.

Tabular Listings:

Chapter 1 – New Demodex infestation code used with a code also note for eyelid inflammation

No Change **B88 Other infestations**

No Change **B88.0 Other acariasis**

Delete Acarine dermatitis

Delete Dermatitis due to Demodex species

Delete Dermatitis due to Dermanyssus gallinae

Delete Dermatitis due to Liponyssoides sanguineus

Delete Trombiculosis

Add **B88.01 Infestation by Demodex mites**

Add Demodex brevis infestation

Add Demodex folliculorum infestation

Add **Code also**, if applicable, eyelid inflammation (H01.8-)

Add **B88.09 Other acariasis**

Add Acarine dermatitis

Add Dermatitis due to Dermanyssus gallinae

Add Dermatitis due to Liponyssoides sanguineus

Add Trombiculosis

Chapter 4 – New code for Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications in remission

No Change **E11 Type 2 diabetes mellitus**

No Change **E11.9 Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications**

Add **Excludes1:** type 2 diabetes mellitus, without complications in remission (E11.A)

Add **E11.A Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications in remission**

Add **Excludes1:** type 2 diabetes mellitus, with complications (E11.0-E11.8)

Add type 2 diabetes mellitus, without complications not in remission (E11.9)

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Chapter 7 – Added codes for other specified inflammations of eyelid with a code also note for demodex mites when applicable

<i>No Change</i>	H01 Other inflammation of eyelid
<i>No Change</i>	H01.8 Other specified inflammations of eyelid
<i>Add</i>	Code also, if applicable, infestation by Demodex mites (B88.01)
<i>Add</i>	H01.81 Other specified inflammation of right upper eyelid
<i>Add</i>	H01.82 Other specified inflammation of right lower eyelid
<i>Add</i>	H01.83 Other specified inflammation of right eye, unspecified eyelid
<i>Add</i>	H01.84 Other specified inflammation of left upper eyelid
<i>Add</i>	H01.85 Other specified inflammation of left lower eyelid
<i>Add</i>	H01.86 Other specified inflammation of left eye, unspecified eyelid
<i>Add</i>	H01.89 Other specified inflammation of unspecified eye, unspecified eyelid
<i>Add</i>	H01.8A Other specified inflammation of right eye, upper and lower eyelids
<i>Add</i>	H01.8B Other specified inflammation of left eye, upper and lower eyelids

Chapter 7 – Other disorders of orbit – new codes for Thyroid orbitopathy

<i>No Change</i>	H05 Disorders of orbit
<i>No Change</i>	H05.8 Other disorders of orbit
<i>Add</i>	H05.83 Thyroid orbitopathy
<i>Add</i>	Graves' ophthalmopathy
<i>Add</i>	Graves' orbitopathy
<i>Add</i>	Thyroid eye disease
<i>Add</i>	Code also, if applicable, any associated conditions such as:
<i>Add</i>	autoimmune thyroiditis (E06.3)
<i>Add</i>	thyrotoxicosis with diffuse goiter (E05.0-)
<i>Add</i>	H05.831 Thyroid orbitopathy, right orbit
<i>Add</i>	H05.832 Thyroid orbitopathy, left orbit
<i>Add</i>	H05.833 Thyroid orbitopathy, bilateral
<i>Add</i>	H05.839 Thyroid orbitopathy, unspecified orbit

Chapter 7 Retinal detachments and breaks and Peripheral retinal degenerations– changed Excludes1 note to Excludes2

<i>No Change</i>	H33 Retinal detachments and breaks
<i>No Change</i>	H33.3 Retinal breaks without detachment
<i>Delete</i>	Excludes1: peripheral retinal degeneration without break (H35.4-)
<i>Add</i>	Excludes2: peripheral retinal degeneration without break (H35.4-)
<i>No Change</i>	H35 Other retinal disorders
<i>No Change</i>	H35.4 Peripheral retinal degeneration
<i>Delete</i>	Excludes1: peripheral retinal degeneration with retinal break (H33.3-)
<i>Add</i>	Excludes2: peripheral retinal degeneration with retinal break (H33.3-)

Chapter 7 Glaucoma section added new code for neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma and added an Excludes1 note to H42 glaucoma in diseases classified elsewhere

No Change **H40.8 Other glaucoma**

Add **H40.84 Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma**

Add Code first the underlying condition such as:

Add central retinal vein occlusion (H34.81)

Add diabetes mellitus (E08.39, E09.39, E10.39, E11.39, E13.39)

Add retinal ischemia (H35.82)

Add **H40.841 Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma, right eye**

Add **H40.842 Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma, left eye**

Add **H40.843 Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma, bilateral**

Add **H40.849 Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma, unspecified eye**

No Change **H42 Glaucoma in diseases classified elsewhere**

Add **Excludes1: neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma (H40.84-)**

Chapter 7 Visual disturbances and blindness – changed an Excludes1 note to Excludes2 note under strabismic amblyopia

No Change **Visual disturbances and blindness (H53-H54)**

No Change **H53 Visual disturbances**

No Change **H53.0 Amblyopia ex anopsia**

No Change **H53.03 Strabismic amblyopia**

Delete **Excludes1: strabismus (H50.-)**

Add **Excludes2: strabismus (H50.-)**

Chapter 20 Added activity code of specific to Other outdoor activities including splitting wood

No Change **Y93 Activity codes**

Add **Note: Y93.L Other outdoor activity**

Add **Y93.L Other outdoor activity**

Add **Y93.L1 Activity, splitting wood**

Add **Y93.L9 Activity, other outdoor activity**