



REMINDER – ICD10 Coding Policy

On November 28, 2017 we implemented a coding policy regarding excluded ICD10 codes. The following notice was issued regarding [guidance on the use of ICD-10 codes](#) when filing claims.

To assist providers in on-going questions regarding accurate claim filing, below we have shown detailed information regarding use of ICD-10 codes and Exclude 1 Notes including **specific examples**.

DIAGNOSIS CODE GUIDELINES-ICD10 EXCLUDES 1 NOTES

One of the unique attributes of the ICD-10-CM code set is the new concept of Excludes 1 Notes. An Excludes 1 Note indicates that the excluded code identified in the note should never be used at the same time as the code or code ranges above the Excludes 1 Note in the ICD10 manual.

An Excludes 1 Note is used to indicate when two conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form versus an acquired form of the same condition. These conditions are mutually exclusive code combinations.

Examples:

-Per ICD-10 Manual 2019, under section E03 (Other Hypothyroidism), there is an "Excludes 1 Note" E89.0 (Postprocedural hypothyroidism) and E00-E02 (Iodine-deficiency related hypothyroidism); as these 2 diagnoses represent mutually exclusive conditions with different origin and cannot be reported together.

Per the 2019 ICD-10 Manual page 1067, Chapter 19. Injury, Poisoning and Certain Other Consequences of External Causes lists T43- (Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of psychotropic drugs, not elsewhere classified) with an "Excludes 1 Note" for T42.4- (Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of benzodiazepines). As one is specific ("benzodiazepines") and one is "not classified elsewhere" these two diagnoses are mutually exclusive and cannot be reported together.

If you have any questions about use of ICD-10 codes when filing claims, please call our Provider Relations team **1-866-638-1232**.