

ICD-10 Procedure Codes: ICD-10-PCS

ICD-10-PCS replaces ICD-9-CM Volume 3 and is used to represent inpatient procedures. While ICD-9-CM Volume 3 codes often includes both diagnostic and procedure codes, ICD-10 PCS codes are broken out from ICD-10-CM codes. ICD-10-PCS codes exclude diagnostic information in order to enhance data collection and accurately reflect changes in medicine. With the expandability of codes and an increased level of specificity, all current procedures are captured in the ICD-10-PCS while permitting growth to include future codes.

ICD-10-PCS codes allow for completeness, expandability, uniform structure, and standardized terminology. Significantly different procedures are assigned a unique code, while the expandability allows for new procedures to be easily incorporated. The meaning of characters and the definitions of terms in the new code set remain consistent and have specific meaning, which standardizes the code set and allows the coder to build codes one character at a time based on the documentation.

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