

Coding Corner –

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Superbills – Helpful or Harmful?????

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It may seem like it was just yesterday that you updated the diagnosis and procedure codes in your practice management computer system and on your superbills, but for some practices it may have been several years since a thorough review was performed. We frequently find physicians are incorrectly coding their services because of outdated superbills.

Diagnosis Codes

I can't believe it is already time to think about implementing the diagnosis coding changes that take effect October 1, 2009. The changes affecting ophthalmology are noted below [not all-inclusive].

New Diagnosis Codes

Diagnosis Code	Description
239.81	Neoplasms of unspecified nature, retina and choroid
239.89	Neoplasms of unspecified nature, other specified sites
372.06	Acute chemical conjunctivitis
995.24	Failed moderate sedation during procedure
V10.90	Personal history of unspecified malignant neoplasm
V15.80	Personal history of failed moderate sedation
V72.60	Laboratory examination, unspecified
V72.63	Pre-procedural laboratory examination
V72.69	Other laboratory examination
V80.01	Special screening for traumatic brain injury
V80.09	Special screening for other neurological conditions
V87.32	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to algae bloom
V87.44	Personal history of inhaled steroid therapy
V87.45	Personal history of systemic steroid therapy
V87.46	Personal history of immunosuppressive therapy

Revised Diagnosis Codes for 2010

Diagnosis Code	Description
793.0	Nonspecific (abnormal) findings on radiological and other examination of skull and head
E876.5	Performance of wrong operation (procedure) on correct patient
V15.84	Personal history of contact with and (suspected) exposure to asbestos
V15.85	Personal history of contact with and (suspected) exposure to potentially hazardous body fluids

continued

Invalid Diagnosis Codes for 2010

Diagnosis Code	Description
239.8	Neoplasm of unspecified nature of other specified sites
274.0	Gouty arthropathy
279.4	Autoimmune disease, not elsewhere classified
348.8	Other conditions of brain
453.8	Other venous embolism and thrombosis of other specified veins
488	Influenza due to identified avian influenza virus
768.7	Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (HIE)
779.3	Feeding problems in newborn
784.5	Other speech disturbance
799.2	Nervousness
969.0	Poisoning by antidepressants
969.7	Poisoning by psychostimulants
V10.9	Unspecified personal history of malignant neoplasm
V53.5	Fitting and adjustment of other intestinal appliance
V60.8	Other specified housing or economic circumstances
V72.6	Laboratory examination
V80.0	Special screening for neurological conditions