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October 2009 HCPCS and ICD-9-CM code updates

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2010 ICD-9-CM (International Classification of Diseases, ninth revision, Clinical Modification) updates. CMS has also published several HCPCS Level II coding changes.

Submitting

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus will accept all added ICD-9-CM and HCPCS codes October 1, 2009 or the effective date of the code(s).

Because there is no grace period for invalid or discontinued codes, if a discontinued/invalid code is submitted with a date of service of October 1, 2009 or after, the claim will be rejected. Likewise, added codes will be rejected if submitted with a date of service before October 1, 2009.

Code list

The HCPCS added, revised, and discontinued code list is below. The ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are not available from Blue Cross. ICD-9-CM manuals are available from several sources such as the American Medical Association, Ingenix, or major bookstores. To view the ICD-9-CM codes that are effective October 1, 2009, go to **http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh/ftpserv/ftpicd9/ftpicd9.htm**

Blue Cross will accept all added ICD-9-CM and HCPCS codes effective on October 1, 2009, unless otherwise noted.

Added codes:

G9141	Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family) *NOTE: This code is effective September 1, 2009*
G9142	Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration *NOTE: This code is effective September 1, 2009*
Q2024	Injection, Bevacizumab, 0.25 mg
S3713	Kras mutation analysis testing

Revised code:

S0605	Digital rectal examination, male, annual

Discontinued code:

S0162	Injection, efalizumab, 125 mg

Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursement is subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (e.g. HCPCS, CPT, ICD-9-CM), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider service at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.

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