

ICD-10-CM Coding Basics

Chapter Specifics

Chapter 21

Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services

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ICD-10-CM Conventions

- General rules for use of the classification independent of the guidelines
- Conventions and instructions of the classification takes precedence over guidelines
- Incorporated within the Alphabetic Index and Tabular list as instructional notes

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Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00-Z99)

This section in ICD-9 was supplementary and referred to as “V” codes

- Z codes in ICD-10 represent *reasons for the encounter*
 - Most Z codes can be the primary code, however generally used as secondary code
 - Other codes in this chapter are used for additional codes that provides useful information that may affect a patient's care or treatment
 - Status codes are also found in this chapter
- Status codes indicate that a patient is either a carrier of a disease or has a sequelae or residual effect of a past disease or condition
 - Prosthetic or mechanical devices are found in this chapter
 - Dependence on a respirator (Z99.11)
 - Acquired absence of a limb (Z89.-)
 - Acquired absence of organs, NEC (Z90.-)
 - Artificial opening status (Z93.-)
 - **HINT:** DO NOT confuse status codes for History of codes

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Chapter 21: (cont.)

- History **Z-codes** categories:
 - **Personal history of**: Z62.81-, Z85-Z87, Z91.4- Z91.82, Z91.89, Z92.21-Z92.87, Z92.83-Z92.89
 - Personal history codes **may be used** in conjunction with follow-up codes to explain the need for testing or procedures
 - **Family history of** : Z80-Z84
 - Family history codes **may be used** in conjunction with screening codes to explain the need for continued testing
- There are extensive chapter-specific coding guidelines in ICD-10-CM
 - For a complete guide, refer to *ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines and Reporting*