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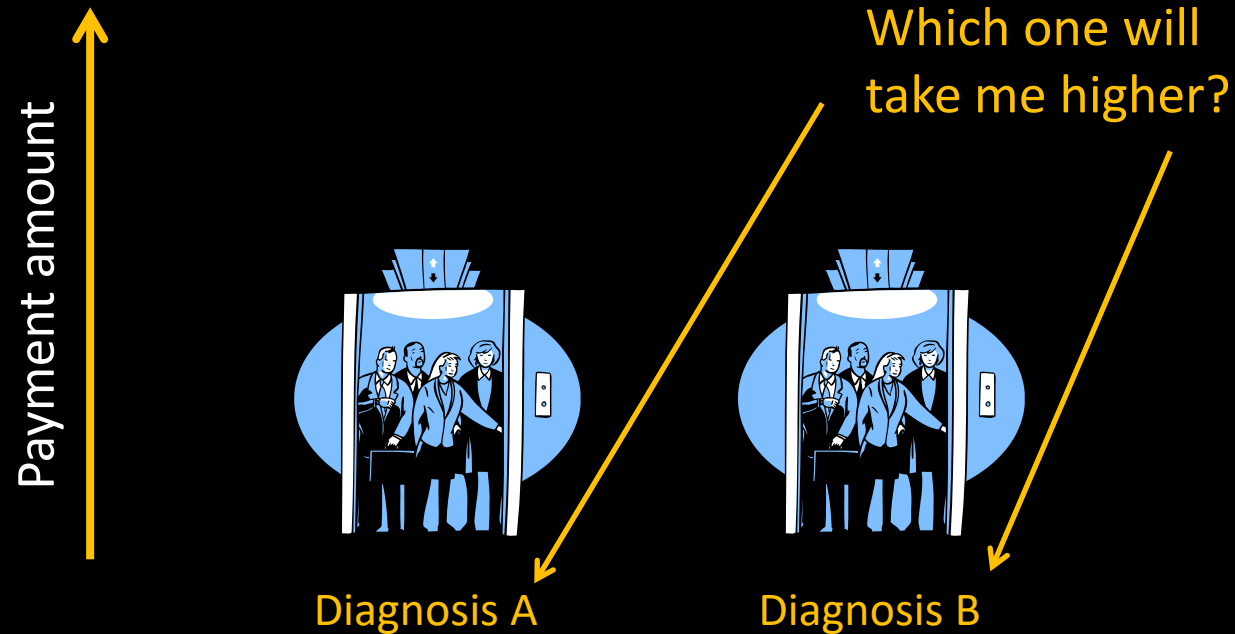
ICD-10 Indications and Selection of Codes



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Which diagnosis will pay more?





A better way to look at it



Payment Level for Service



Diagnosis A



Diagnosis B

A better question: Which one will take me to a payable level for this service?



A better way to look at it



Payment Level for 76811—Ultrasound,
fetal and maternal evaluation plus
detailed fetal anatomic examination

Payment Level



009.522
099.212
024.112



234.82



Diagnosis coding for MFM can be challenging



- The majority of services will be found in Chapter 15 and/or Chapter 21 in ICD-10
- However, knowledge of all other sections will be necessary



Chapter 15 (000-09A)



Code Groups

- 000-008 Pregnancy with abortive outcome
- 009-009 Supervision of high-risk pregnancy
- 010-016 Edema, proteinuria and hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
- 020-029 Other maternal disorders predominantly related to pregnancy



Chapter 15 (000-09A)



Code Groups

- 030-048 Maternal care related to the fetus and amniotic cavity and possible delivery problems
- 060-077 Complications of labor and delivery
- 080-082 Encounter for delivery
- 085-092 Complications predominantly related to the puerperium
- 094-09A Other obstetric conditions, not elsewhere classified



Chapter 15 (000-09A)



- Used for conditions *related to or aggravated by* the pregnancy, childbirth, or by the puerperium
- Codes from other chapters can be reported but Chapter 15 codes have sequencing priority (first-listed)
- Most codes require identification of trimester
- Weeks gestation code (Z3A.-) should be reported in most cases



Chapter 15 (000-09A)



- Trimester counted from *first day of LMP*
- Trimester based on the trimester documented (trimester or number of weeks) for current encounter/admission
 - Applies to pre-existing conditions and those that develop during or are due to pregnancy
- Delivery during current encounter coded using “in childbirth” option if present



Chapter 15 (000-09A)



- **1st trimester:** less than 14 weeks 0 days
- **2nd trimester:** 14 weeks 0 days to 27 weeks 6 days
- **3rd trimester:** 28 weeks 0 days until delivery
- Additional code from category Z3A (weeks of gestation) should be reported to identify specific week of pregnancy
 - Z3A.12 = 12 weeks gestation
 - Z3A.28 = 28 weeks gestation





Diagnosis coding for MFM can be challenging

- There is not always the degree of specificity that we would like...
 - All fetal anomalies are largely limited to only 10 codes the O35 subsection
- Patients who see an MFM provider often have multiple conditions
 - There are only 4 diagnosis code slots per procedure line on CMS-1500
 - Some conditions in pregnancy require 2 (or 3) codes to report a single condition



MFM tips and strategies for ICD-10-CM



- Understand the categories in pregnancy
 - “Supervision”
 - Used for regularly scheduled antepartum visits
 - Z34.02
 - 009.813
 - 009.891
 - Some exceptions
 - 009.513/009.522
 - 009.33
 - 009.293



MFM tips and strategies for ICD-10-CM



- Understand the categories in pregnancy
 - “Conditions”
 - O24.415
 - O23.12
 - O41.03X0
 - O44.23



MFM tips and strategies for ICD-10-CM



- Understand the categories in pregnancy
 - “Conditions that require multiple diagnoses”
 - O10.112 I11.9
 - O24.013 E10.9
 - O26.613 K83.1



MFM tips and strategies for ICD-10-CM



- Understand the categories in pregnancy
 - “Broad condition categories”
 - O98 Maternal infectious and parasitic diseases classifiable elsewhere but complicating pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
 - O99 Other maternal diseases classifiable elsewhere but complicating pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium



099 codes



- 099.34- Other mental disorders (F01-F09 and F20-F99)
- 099.35- Nervous system (G00-G99)
- 099.4- Circulatory system (I00-I99)
- 099.5- Respiratory system (J00-J99)
- 099.6- Digestive system (K00-K93)



099 codes



- 099.7- Skin and subcutaneous tissue (L00-L99)
- 099.8- Other specified diseases and conditions
- 09A.- Malignant neoplasms, injuries and abuse

- 099.89 Other specified diseases and conditions complicating...
 - Systemic Lupus (M32.0 – M32.9)



Chapter 21 (Z00-Z99)



- Z03.7- Encounter for suspected fetal and maternal conditions ruled out
- Z04.- Encounter for examination and observation for other reasons
- Z34.- Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy
- Z36.- Encounter for antenatal screening of mother



Chapter 21 (Z00-Z99)



- Z3A.- Weeks of gestation
- Z37.- Outcome of delivery
- Z39.- Encounter for maternal postpartum care and examination

- Z80 – Z84 Family history of...
- Z85 – Z87 Personal history of...



Let's test your knowledge...



- All questions will begin with:
- “Which diagnosis(es) best communicates the patient’s condition and situation?”

Type 1 diabetic, well-controlled, 26 weeks



21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY. Relate A-L to service line below (24E).										22. RESUBMISSION CODE			ORIG REF. NO.		
A.	O24.012			B.	E10.9			C.	Z3A.26			D.			
E.				F.				G.				H.	23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER		
I.				J.				K.				L.			
24.A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE						B.	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES				E.	F.	G.	I.	J.
From		To				POS	(Explain Unusual Circumstances)				DX POINTER	\$ CHARGES	DAYS/ UNITS	ID QUAL	RENDERING PROVIDER N°
MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY		CPT	MODIFIER							
						11	9921X			ABC			1	NPI	
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ICD-10 Codes

O24.012

E10.9

Z3A.26

ICD-10 Description

Type 1 diabetes in pregnancy, 2nd trimester

Type 1 diabetes, without complications

26 weeks gestation

CPT Codes

9921X

CPT Description

Outpatient estab. patient visit, level undetermined

Primigravida AMA and cHTN, 18 weeks



21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY. Relate A-L to service line below (24E).										22. RESUBMISSION CODE			ORIG REF. NO.								
A.	O09.512			B.	O10.012			C.	Z3A.18			D.									
E.				F.				G.				H.	23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER								
I.				J.				K.				L.									
24.A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE From MM DD YY To MM DD YY						B.	POS	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) CPT MODIFIER				E.	DX POINTER	F.	\$ CHARGES	G.	DAYS/ UNITS	I.	ID QUAL	J.	RENDERING PROVIDER N°
							11	9921X				ABC				1			NPI		
																			NPI		

ICD-10 Codes

O09.512

O10.012

Z3A.18

ICD-10 Description

Supervision of elderly primigravida, 2nd trimester

Pre-existing essential hypertension complicating pregnancy, 2nd trimester

18 weeks gestation

CPT Codes

9921X

CPT Description

Outpatient estab. patient visit, level undetermined

Antepartum visit for Crohn's disease w/o complications, 32 weeks



21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY. Relate A-L to service line below (24E).										22. RESUBMISSION CODE			ORIG REF. NO.								
A.	009.893			B.	099.613			C.	K50.90			D.	Z3A.32								
E.				F.				G.				H.				23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER					
I.				J.				K.				L.									
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ICD-10 Codes

009.893

099.613

K50.90

Z3A.32

ICD-10 Description

Supervision of other high-risk pregnancy, 3rd trimester

Diseases of the digestive system complicating pregnancy, 3rd trimester

Crohn's disease, unspecified, without complications

32 weeks gestation

CPT Codes

9921X

CPT Description

Outpatient estab. patient visit, level undetermined



Other Examples

- Thyroid Disease (**Hyperthyroidism**)
 - O99.280-O99.283 & E05.90 or E05.91
- Thyroid Disease (**Hypothyroidism**)
 - O99.280-O99.283 & E03.9
- Tobacco Use
 - O99.330-O99.333 & F17.200-F17.291
- Echogenic Focus of Bowel
 - O35.8XX0-O35.8XX9 & O28.3 (Abnormal ultrasonic finding on antenatal screening of mother)
- Echogenic Focus of Heart
 - O35.8XX0-O35.8XX9 & O28.3 (Abnormal ultrasonic finding on antenatal screening of mother)



Fetal anomalies



- Maternal care for (suspected)...
 - O35.0XX- Central nervous system malformation
 - O35.1XX- Chromosomal abnormality
 - O35.2XX- Hereditary disease in fetus
 - O35.3XX- Damage from viral disease
 - O35.4XX- Damage from alcohol
 - O35.5XX- Damage by drugs
 - O35.6XX- Damage by radiation





Fetal anomalies



- Maternal care for (suspected)...
 - O35.7XX- Damage from other medical procedures
 - O35.8XX- Other fetal abnormality and damage
 - O35.9XX- Fetal abnormality and damage, unspecified

- There is an Excludes 1 note precluding the use of Z03.7-codes



The Most Common MFM Diagnosis Coding Errors



Common Errors



1. Wrong “fetus number” associated with 7-character diagnosis codes
2. Fetal conditions assigned to the mother
3. Incorrect cesarean section diagnosis codes
4. Selecting a diagnosis from the incorrect stage of pregnancy
5. Not using a primary diagnosis from Chapter 15 (“O” codes)
6. Lack of specificity in diagnoses

1. Wrong fetus number

- The purpose of the 7th character is to reflect the “affected” fetus



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Pregnancy	7 th Character
Singleton/Unspecified	0
Twin	1 and/or 2
Triplet	1, 2, and/or 3
Quadruplet	1,2,3, and/or 4
Quintuplet	1,2,3,4, and/or 5
Other fetus	9



2. Fetal condition assigned to the mother

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- Fetus is diagnosed with Down syndrome.
- Diagnosis **Q90.9 Down syndrome unspecified**, is assigned
- There are two patients
- The correct diagnosis
 - **O35.1XX0 Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus**





3. Incorrect cesarean diagnosis



- Every cesarean delivery is reported with:
- O82 Encounter for cesarean delivery without indication
- The correct diagnosis:
 - O76 Abnormality in fetal heart rate and rhythm...
 - O32.1XX0 Maternal care for breech presentation
 - O34.212 Maternal care for vertical scar from previous cesarean delivery
 - O44.03 Complete placenta previa NOS or without hemorrhage



4. Selecting a diagnosis from the incorrect stage of pregnancy



Condition	In childbirth	In the antepartum period
Abnormal fetal heart rate	076	O36.8330
Vasa previa	O69.4XX0	O43.893
Fever	O75.2	O99.891/R50.9
Presentation/Obstructed Labor	O64.1XX0	O32.1XX0
Hemorrhage	O67.8	O46.8X3

5. Not using a primary diagnosis from Chapter 15



- U07.1 COVID-19
 - 098.513 Other viral diseases complicating pregnancy...
- D62 Acute posthemorrhagic anemia
 - 090.81 Anemia of the puerperium
- A56.02 Chlamydia vulvovaginitis
 - 098.313 Other infection with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission, complicating pregnancy, 3rd trimester
- J12.89 Other viral pneumonia
 - 099.513 Diseases of the respiratory system complicating pregnancy, 3rd trimester



6. Lack of specificity in diagnoses



- O24.419 Gestational diabetes mellitus in pregnancy, unspecified control
 - O24.410 Diet controlled
 - O24.414 Insulin controlled
 - O24.415 Controlled by oral hypoglycemic drugs
- O34.219 Maternal care for unspecified type scar from previous cesarean delivery
 - O34.211 ...low transverse scar
 - O34.212 ...vertical scar
 - O34.218 ...other type scar



6. Lack of specificity in diagnoses



- O10.019 Pre-existing essential hypertension complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester
 - O10.011 ...first trimester
 - O10.012 ...second trimester
 - O10.013 ...third trimester

- Z34.90 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified
 - Z34.0- ...normal first pregnancy
 - Z34.8- ...normal other pregnancy



ICD-10-CM Changes for 2022

Effective 10.1.21





Code Changes for 2022



New Codes	New Options	New Revisions	Deleted Codes	Deleted Options
131	328	78	7	90



Chapter 15 (000 – 09A)



- No added, deleted, or revised codes
- 2 minor editorial changes (revisions) in “use additional” code related to deep vein thrombosis



Chapter 5 (F01-F99)



- An important new code in F32
 - F32.A Depression, unspecified
 - Depression NOS
 - Depressive disorder NOS
- Previously, a debate between F32.9 and F33.9



Chapter 13 (M00-M99)



BEFORE

- M54.5
Low back pain

AFTER

- M54.50
Low back pain, unspecified
- M54.51
Vertebrogenic low back pain
- M54.59
Other low back pain



Chapter 18 (R00-R99)



BEFORE

- R05 Cough

AFTER

- R05.1 Acute cough
- R05.2 Subacute cough
- R05.3 Chronic cough
- R05.4 Cough syncope
- R05.8 Other specified cough
- R05.9 Cough, unspecified



Chapter 18 (R00-R99)



- R45.8 Other symptoms and signs involving emotional state

- New Code
 - R45.88 Nonsuicidal self-harm
Code also injury, if known



Chapter 22 (U00-U85)



- U07.0 Vaping-related disorders
- U07.1 COVID-19
- New Code
- U09.9 Post COVID-19 condition, unspecified

Code first, the specified condition related to COVID-19, if known, such as:

Chronic respiratory failure (J96.1-)

Loss of smell (R43.8)

Loss of taste (R43.8)

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome (M35.81)

Pulmonary embolism (I26.-)

Pulmonary fibrosis (J84.10)



Chapter 21 (Z00-Z99)



- Important note change
- Z3A Weeks of gestation
 - Previous note:
 - **Code first**
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium (O09-O9A)
 - New note:
 - **Code first**
Obstetric condition or encounter for delivery (O09-O60, O80-O82)
 - Do not assign a Z3A code to O00-O08, or Z33.2



Chapter 21 (Z00-Z99)



- Z71.8 Other specified counseling
- New Code
- Z71.85 Encounter for immunization safety counseling
Code also, if applicable, encounter for immunization (Z23)
Code also, if applicable, immunization not carried out (Z28.-)



Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health



Problems related to...

Category	Description	Category	Description
Z55	...education and literacy	Z62	...upbringing
Z56	...employment and unemployment	Z63	...primary support group, including family circumstances
Z59	...housing and economic circumstances	Z64	...certain psychosocial circumstances
Z60	...social environment	Z65	...other psychosocial circumstances



Level of Medical Decision Making	Number of diagnoses or management options	Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed	Risk of complications and/or morbidity or mortality
Straightforward (99202, 99212)	Minimal 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or None	Minimal risk of morbidity or mortality from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
Low complexity (99203, 99213)	Limited 2 or more self-limited or minor problems OR 1 stable chronic illness OR 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	Limited (1 of 2) 1. Tests and documents Any 2 of the following: • Review of prior external notes from each unique source • Review of the results of each unique test • Order of each unique test 2. Assessment requiring independ. historian(s)	Low risk of morbidity or mortality from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
Moderate complexity (99204, 99214)	Moderate • 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment, OR • 2 or more stable chronic illness OR • 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis, OR • 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms, OR • 1 acute complicated injury	Moderate (1 of 3) 1. Tests and documents Any 3 of the following: • Review of prior external notes from each unique source • Review of the results of each unique test • Ordering of each unique test • Assessment requiring independent historian(s), OR 2. Independent interpretation of tests; OR 3. Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other source)	Moderate risk of morbidity or mortality from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples: • Prescription drug management • Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health.
High complexity (99205, 99215)	High • 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment, OR • 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	High (2 of 3) 1. Tests and documents Any 3 of the following: • Review of prior external notes from each unique source • Review of the results of each unique test • Ordering of each unique test • Assessment requiring independent historian(s), OR 2. Independent interpretation of tests; OR 3. Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other source)	High risk of morbidity or mortality from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples: • Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity • Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding emergency major surgery • Decision regarding hospitalization • Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis



Z55 ...Education and literacy



- New Code
- Z55.5 Less than a high school diploma
No general equivalence degree (GED)
- New Category
- Z58 Problems related to physical environment
- Z58.6 Inadequate drinking-water supply



Z59 ...Housing and economic circumstances



BEFORE

- Z59.0 Homelessness

AFTER

- Z59.00 Homelessness, unspecified
- Z59.01 Sheltered homelessness
- Z59.02 Unsheltered homelessness



Z59 ...Housing and economic circumstances



BEFORE

- Z59.4 Lack of adequate food

AFTER

- Z59.41 Food insecurity
- Z59.48 Other specified lack of adequate food



Z59 ...Housing and economic circumstances



BEFORE

- Z59.8 Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances

AFTER

- Z59.81 Housing instability, housed
 - Z59.811 ...w/risk of homelessness
 - Z59.812 ...homelessness in past 12 months
 - Z59.819 ...unspecified
- Z59.89 Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances



QUESTIONS?

about Coding Basics and ICD-10?