



ICD-9-CM Code Update April 2005

Bi-annual Updates. In 2004 the ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee – the committee responsible for maintaining the ICD-9-CM coding system - announced that ICD-9-CM would be updated twice a year. Previously ICD-9-CM was updated annually with a 10/1 effective date. With the new bi-annual updates, codes will be released with 10/1 and 4/1 effective dates. The Committee has announced, however, that there will be no new codes released for implementation on April 1. The next update to ICD-9-CM will instead be on October 1, 2005.

Updated Version of ICD-9-CM Coding Guidelines. The ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting have been updated and the new version has been posted on the National Center for Health Statistics Web site. Changes from the previous version appear in bold. The effective date for the updated guidelines is April 1. The new version can be downloaded at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd9/icdguide.pdf>.

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