

Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

Department of Health &
Human Services (DHHS)
Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services (CMS)

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CHANGE REQUEST 2842

SUBJECT: Addition of Three New International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Diagnosis Codes to be Effective as Part of the October 1, 2003, ICD-9-CM Update.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background:

CMS sends the ICD-9-CM Addendum out to regional offices and Medicare contractors annually. Change Request 2763 (Transmittal AB-03-091) was released on June 20, 2003. Change Request 2763 contains the new and revised ICD-9-CM codes effective October 1, 2003.

B. Policy:

It has been brought to our attention that the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has just announced three new ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes to be effective October 1, 2003. These new codes were received from NCHS after Transmittal AB-03-091 was released. Include these three new codes when you update your system as instructed in Transmittal AB-03-091. The CMS Web site, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/icd9code.asp>, has been updated with the new ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes. If you wish to have an updated full diagnostic addendum and index when it is completed, you must download it from the NCHS Web site at www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm. The NCHS Web site will be updated shortly with the new codes.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

- *“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement*
- *“Should” denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
2842.1	Medicare contractors shall install and accept the three new ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes in order to process claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2003. Include these three new codes as part of the ICD-9-CM update in Transmittal AB-03-091.	FI and Carrier
2842.1.1	The three new ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are: 079.82 SARS-associated coronavirus 480.3 Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus V01.82 Exposure to SARS-associated coronavirus	FI and Carrier
2842.2	Any hours needed for systems changes for the three new codes shall be included in the hours allocated under Transmittal AB-03-091.	FI

2842.3	Contractors shall follow the instructions under Transmittal AB-03-091 for provider education of the three new codes.	FI and Carrier
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III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Req. #	Instructions
	N/A

B. Design Considerations:

X-Ref Req. #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements
	N/A

C. **Interfaces:** Grouper v21.0, Medicare Code Editor v20.0, and Outpatient Code Editor v4.3

D. **Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact:** N/A

E. **Dependencies:** This instruction must be included as part of Transmittal AB-03-091.

IV. Attachment(s): None.

Effective Date: October 1, 2003 Implementation Date: October 1, 2003 Discard Date: October 1, 2004	Post-Implementation Contact: Appropriate Regional Office Funding: These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.
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