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Coding Updates



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New Codes  
FY2022

- CMS did introduce 153 new ICD-10 codes in its proposal:
  - F32.A (Depression unspecified)
  - Z59.00 (Homelessness unspecified), *previously Z59.0, Homelessness*
  - U09.9 (Post-COVID-19, unspecified), *previously B94.9, Sequelae of unspecified infectious and parasitic disease*

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153 new codes??!!!

- So, what this really means...many times, it is not a new condition that is being introduced (like COVID-19 last year), but merely another character added to an existing code. This is why it is so important to always be coding from the current coding year manual.

<i>No Change</i>	<b>Disease, diseased</b> - see also Syndrome
<i>No Change</i>	- esophagus K22.9
<i>Revise from</i>	-- specified NEC K22.8
<i>Revise to</i>	-- specified NEC K22.89

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Depression codes 2022

- Currently, we have F32.9, *Major depressive disorder, single episode, unspecified*
  - Clarifying terms are Depression NOS, Depressive disorder NOS, Major depression NOS
- Introducing new code of F32.A, Depression unspecified

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Big Change  
in 2022

- **Current:**
- Section I20 – I25: Ischemic heart diseases:
  - **Use Additional Code:**
    - code to identify presence of hypertension (I10-I16)
  - For example, this meant if you had a patient with CAD (I25.10) and HTN (I10), this was interpreted by auditors that you had to code I25.10 first, regardless of the focus of care. It became a luck of the draw if you coded CAD first whether or not an ADR would come back.
- **Change for 2022:**
- Ischemic heart diseases (I20-I25)
  - **Code also** the presence of hypertension (I10-I16)

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Z79.4, long term  
(current) use of  
oral  
hypoglycemic  
drugs

<i>No Change</i>	<b>Z79.4 Long term (current) use of insulin</b>
<i>Delete</i>	<b>Excludes1:</b> long term (current) use of oral antidiabetic drugs (Z79.84)
<i>Delete</i>	long term (current) use of oral hypoglycemic drugs (Z79.84)
<i>Add</i>	<b>Excludes2:</b> long term (current) use of oral hypoglycemic drugs (Z79.84)
<i>Add</i>	long term (current) use of oral antidiabetic drugs (Z79.84)

The note was revised from an Excludes1 to an Excludes2. So, what does this mean?

- Per the ICD-10 CM 2022 Official Guidelines, if the patient is treated with both oral medications and insulin, code Z79.4, Long term (current) use of insulin, and code Z79.84, Long term (current) use of oral hypoglycemic drugs, should be assigned. If the patient is treated with both insulin and an injectable non-insulin antidiabetic drug, assign codes Z79.4, Long term (current) use of insulin, and Z79.899, Other long term (current) drug therapy.

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OASIS-E

*CMS is proposing to implement OASIS-E effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.*

Like any prior great change to the OASIS, agencies need to develop a timeline for introductions and training of the new material so as to ensure understanding, but not get bogged down in “too much, too soon.”

Agencies will need to learn from their EMR companies when the model of the new version will be available.

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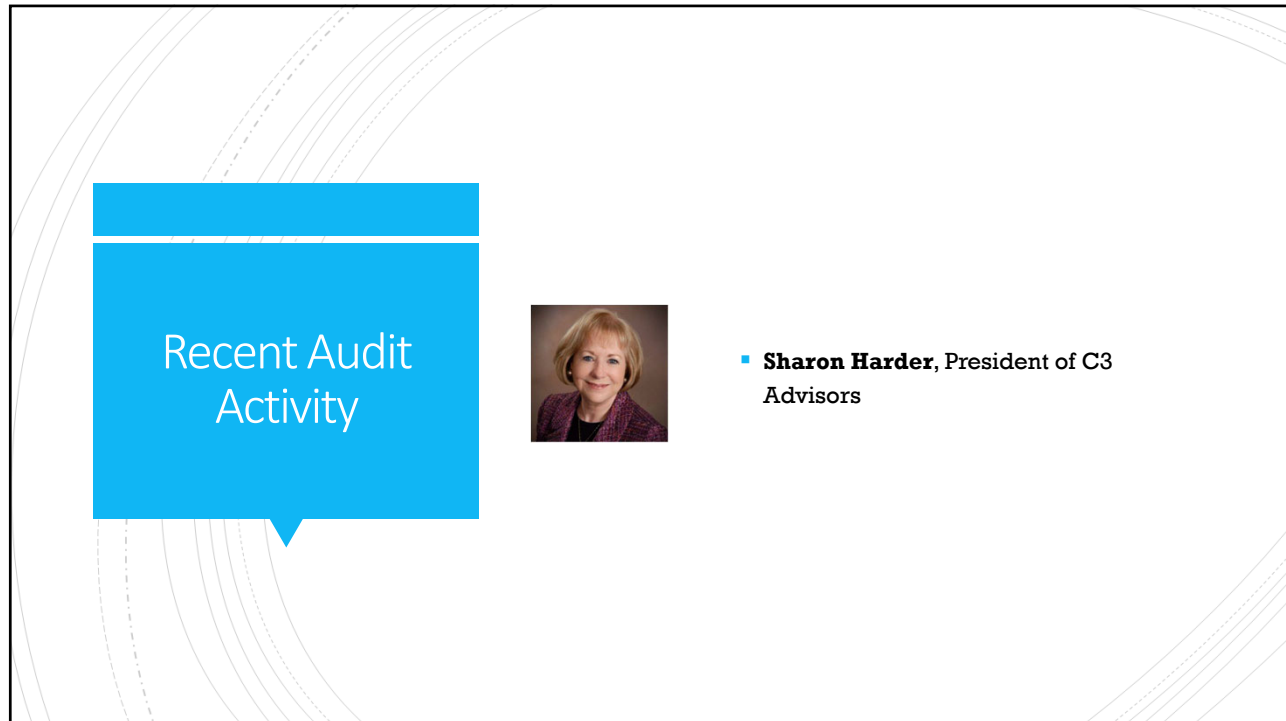


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Comorbidity groupings

- Low comorbidity adjustment:
  - Currently, there are 14 low comorbidity adjustment interaction subgroups
  - Proposed: 20
- High comorbidity adjustment:
  - Currently, there are 31 high comorbidity adjustment interaction subgroups
  - Proposed: 85
- These are illustrated in Tables 15 and 16 (pages 49-52) of the Proposed Rule.

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