

ICD-10-CM AND CPT CHANGES IN 2017

Revised and new codes abound for next year. Make sure your practice is up to speed.

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ICD-10-CM CHANGES

The proliferation of International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) codes for 2017 is especially relevant for retina practices, particularly the codes found in Chapter 4.¹ New diagnosis codes should be in use now (started October 1), and the

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has stated that they should be used from October 1 through September 30, 2017. Codes that do not change will continue to be used going forward.

CMS was lenient in 2016 in allowing the use of codes with the description *unspecified*. In ICD-10-CM jargon, *unspecified* means the laterality or specificity of the diagnosis was not noted in the chart, not that it is unspecified clinically. Practices can expect claim denials if unspecified codes continue to be used.

Codes that are more helpful are now in the book, but they are not necessarily where you would expect to find them. For example, codes for combined traction and rhegmatogenous retinal detachments can be found in Chapter 4 (Endocrine, Nutritional and other Metabolic Diseases) under diabetes, not in Chapter 7 (Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa). Chapter 4 also contains codes for use when a disease process has been treated and for disease that is stable. It is important for all physicians in a practice to review these changes because billing, coding, and payment will depend on the necessary information being documented in the chart.

GUIDELINES

The following is not a comprehensive list of all the changes for this year. Practices are advised to purchase and review the 2017 book.¹

- Diabetes mellitus has been abbreviated as DM.
- All descriptors have been abbreviated.
- Indented codes on this list are read with the beginning descriptor of the prior code.
- The hyphen (-) at the end of a code signifies that another digit is mandatory in order for the code to be valid. This is a 7th character that must be used.
- The codes to be added in this version are the location designations: 1 = right eye, 2 = left eye, 3 = bilateral,

9 = unspecified eye. The term *unspecified* in ICD-10-CM coding means that the eye was not specified in the chart.

Examples:

- **E08.3211** DM with mild nonproliferative retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
- **H35.3121** Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, dry stage
- **H35.3231** Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with active choroidal neovascularization

Chapter 4: Endocrine, Nutritional, and Other Metabolic Diseases

7th Characters

One of the following 7th characters to be assigned to codes in the subcategories below to designate laterality of the disease

- 1 right eye
- 2 left eye
- 3 bilateral
- 9 unspecified

Use in subcategories

E08.32, E08.33, E08.34, E08.35, and E08.37

Use in subcategories

E09.32, E09.33, E09.34, E09.35, and E09.37

Use in subcategories

E10.32, E10.33, E10.34, E10.35, and E10.37

Use in subcategories

E11.32, E11.33, E11.34, E11.35, and E11.37

- E08.319** DM with unspecified diabetic retinopathy **without macular edema**
- E08.321-** DM with **mild nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E08.329-** **without macular edema**
- E08.331-** DM with **moderate nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E08.339-** **without macular edema**
- E08.341-** DM with **severe nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E08.349-** **without macular edema**
- E08.351-** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**

- E08.353- DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy with **traction retinal detachment not involving the macula**
- E08.354- DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy with **combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment**
- E08.355- DM with **stable** proliferative diabetic retinopathy
- E08.359- DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **without macular edema**
- E08.36 DM with **diabetic cataract**
- E08.37X- DM with **diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment**
- E08.39 DM with **other diabetic ophthalmic complication**
- E09311- Drug or chemical induced DM with **unspecified** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E09.31- **without macular edema**
- E09321- Drug or chemical induced DM with **mild nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E09.329- **without macular edema**
- E09.331- Drug or chemical induced DM with **moderate nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E09.339- **without macular edema**
- E09.341- Drug or chemical induced DM with **severe nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E09.349- **without macular edema**
- E09.352- Drug or chemical induced DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy with **traction retinal detachment involving the macula**
- E09.353- **with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula**
- E09.354- Drug or chemical induced DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy with **combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment**
- E09.355- Drug or chemical induced DM with **stable proliferative** diabetic retinopathy
- E09.359- Drug or chemical induced DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **without macular edema**
- E09.36 Drug or chemical induced DM with **diabetic cataract**
- E09.37X- Drug or chemical induced DM with **diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment**
- E09.39 Drug or chemical induced DM with **other diabetic ophthalmic complication**
- E10.311 **Type 1** DM with **unspecified** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E10.319 **without macular edema**
- E10.321- **Type 1** DM with **mild nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E10.329- **without macular edema**
- E10.331- **Type 1** DM with **moderate nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E10.339- **without macular edema**
- E10.341- **Type 1** DM with **severe nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E10.349- **without macular edema**
- E10.351- **Type 1** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E10.352- **Type 1** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with traction retinal detachment involving the macula**
- E10.353- **not involving the macula**
- E10.354- **Type 1** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy with **combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment**
- E10.355- **Type 1** DM with **stable proliferative** diabetic retinopathy
- E10.359- **Type 1** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **without macular edema**
- E10.36 **Type 1** DM with **diabetic cataract**
- E10.37X- **Type 1** DM with **diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment**
- E10.39 **Type 1** DM with **other diabetic ophthalmic complication**
- E11.311 **Type 2** DM with **unspecified** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E11.319 **without macular edema**
- E11.321- **Type 2** DM with **mild nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E11.329- **without macular edema**
- E11.331- **Type 2** DM with **moderate nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E11.339- **without macular edema**
- E11.341- **Type 2** DM with **severe nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E11.349- **Type 2** DM with **severe nonproliferative** diabetic retinopathy **without macular edema**
- E11.351- **Type 2** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **with macular edema**
- E11.352- **Type 2** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy with **traction retinal detachment involving the macula**
- E11.353- **not involving the macula**
- E11.354- **Type 2** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy with **combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment**
- E11.355- **Type 2** DM with **stable proliferative** diabetic retinopathy
- E11.359- **Type 2** DM with **proliferative** diabetic retinopathy **without macular edema**
- E11.36 **Type 2** DM with **diabetic cataract**
- E11.37X- **Type 2** DM with **diabetic macular edema,**

E11.39 resolved following treatment
Type 2 DM with other diabetic ophthalmic complication

Chapter 7: Diseases of the Eyes and Adnexa

H34.81 Central retinal vein occlusion

One of the following 7th characters is to be assigned to codes in subcategory H34.81 to designate the severity of the occlusion.

- 0 with macular edema
- 1 with retinal neovascularization
- 2 stable
- Old central retinal vein occlusion

H34.83 Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion

One of the following 7th characters is to be assigned to codes in subcategory H34.83 to designate the severity of the occlusion.

- 0 with macular edema
- 1 with retinal neovascularization
- 2 stable
- Old tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion

H35.31 Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration; dry age-related macular degeneration

- H35.311-** Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye
- H35.312-** Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye
- H35.313-** Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral
- H35.319-** Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye

H35.32 Exudative age-related macular degeneration; wet age-related macular degeneration

One of the following 7th characters is to be assigned to codes in subcategory H35.32 to designate the stage of the disease.

- 0 stage unspecified
- 1 with active choroidal neovascularization
- 2 with inactive choroidal neovascularization with involuted or regressed neovascularization
- 3 advanced atrophic without subfoveal involvement advanced dry stage

- H35.321-** Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye
- H35.322-** Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye
- H35.323-** Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral
- H35.329-** Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye

Chapter 2: Neoplasms

- C69.2-** Malignant neoplasm of retina
- C69.3-** Malignant neoplasm of choroid
- C69.4-** Malignant neoplasm of ciliary body

CPT CHANGES

Although there are only a few Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Category I code changes for 2017, they are important (Table).² For codes 67101 and 67105, “one or more sessions” was deleted from the descriptor, and the global period was changed from 90 to 10 days. This means that repeat procedures can be billed after 11 days. This also means that the procedures are now considered minor surgery; thus, caution is warranted when using modifier 25 in order to obtain reimbursement for the office visit in these established patients.³

The National Correct Coding Initiative bundles will be published in January 2017, and the new and revised codes should be checked for new code-pair edits.

Fluorescein angiography and indocyanine green angiography have had a status change from a unilateral procedure (payment for each side) to a bilateral procedure (payment is the same for one or both sides). ■

TABLE. CATEGORY I CODE CHANGES FOR 2017

▲ Revised Code	● New Code
▲ 66720	Ciliary body destruction; cryotherapy
▲ 67101	Repair of retinal detachment, including drainage of subretinal fluid when performed; cryotherapy
▲ 67105	photocoagulation
▲ 92235	Fluorescein angiography (including multiframe imaging) with interpretation and report, unilateral or bilateral
▲ 92240	Indocyanine-green angiography (includes multiframe imaging) with interpretation and report, unilateral or bilateral
● 92242	Fluorescein angiography and indocyanine green angiography (includes multiframe imaging) performed at the same patient encounter, with interpretation and report, unilateral or bilateral
▲ 67228	Treatment of extensive or progressive retinopathy (eg, diabetic retinopathy), photocoagulation

1. ICD-10-CM 2017: The Complete Official Codebook. Chicago, IL: American Medical Association; 2017.
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 3. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Global Surgery Fact Sheet. March 2015. <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/CMS1256840.html>. Accessed October 24, 2016.

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