Dear Customer:

Thank you for purchasing the 2017 Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual. We are sending you this document so that you can update your 2017 ICD-10 Manual. **Note:** If you are a subscriber to the online Home Health Coding Center, the changes below already have been made to your website (http://codingcenter.decisionhealth.com/).

**CMS released the following updates after the Manual was published:**

- The FY2017 official coding guidelines were released after the Manual was published. We have conducted a review of the coding tips to ensure they align with the new guidelines including the “with” assumptions, and only found this one instance where the tip is incorrect:
  - E08.69, E09.69, E10.69, E11.69, E13.69: When osteomyelitis is specified as due to diabetes mellitus due to an underlying condition (E08), assign E08.69, followed by the appropriate code to specify the type and location of the osteomyelitis. ICD-10 does not allow for an assumed relationship between diabetes and osteomyelitis.

- **IMPORTANT:** If you’re planning on taking the 2017 HCS-D and/or HCS-H exam(s), in addition to taking a current ICD-10 Coding Manual into the testing room, you are allowed to also take the FY2017 official coding guidelines into the testing room. Please note, ONLY the watermarked guidelines provided in this link will be allowed into the testing room as an additional resource: [http://decisionhealth.com/pdf/ICD-10-CM%20Guidelines-AHCC.pdf](http://decisionhealth.com/pdf/ICD-10-CM%20Guidelines-AHCC.pdf)

- On Nov. 2, 2016, CMS posted an updated PPS payment logic (grouper), effective Jan. 1, 2017, and the only update is that it now awards case-mix points to 11 pulmonary codes: J41.0, J41.1, J41.8, J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J44.0, J44.1, J44.9. View CMS’ grouper at [https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/homehealthpps/casemixgroupersoftware.html](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/homehealthpps/casemixgroupersoftware.html)

**Updates to TIPS in the Coding Manual:**

The 2017 Home Health Coding Manual is updated with all the FY2017 code changes, and reflects all Coding Clinic guidance through Q2 2016. The majority of the clarifications below are either based on Coding Clinic guidance that was released after the book was published, or in an effort to provide additional information to help guide your coding.

- **Disregard the tip on E08.36, E09.36, E10.36, E11.36, E13.36 that reads “While senile cataracts are frequent occurrences ...”** The Q4 2016 Coding Clinic guidance stated that you **can assume** that cataracts in a diabetic patient are diabetic cataracts and code them that way.

- **The tip on M86 should read:** Osteomyelitis commonly occurs in diabetic patients. However, no manifestation combination code pairing for diabetic osteomyelitis exists. **When osteomyelitis occurs in a diabetic patient and there is an absence of documentation linking the two or the physician has not clearly stated they are unrelated, the appropriate code from E09-E13 should be assigned with 4th and 5th characters of .69 followed by the appropriate code for osteomyelitis.**
• Disregard the tip on N18 that reads “Documentation: The stage of chronic kidney disease may be identified and determined by referencing …” A Sept. 14, 2016, Coding Clinic letter states that you cannot assign a code for the stage of a patient’s chronic kidney disease (CKD) based solely on the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) listed in a lab report.

• The tip on R63.0 should read: Anorexia indicates a loss of appetite or intake resulting from appetite loss. Note that anorexia nervosa, which is coded to F50.0-, differs from anorexia coded to R63.0 in that anorexia nervosa includes a psychological component of body image disturbance.

• Disregard the tip on codes Z40.0 and Z42 that reads: “The titles of these codes may mislead coders. These codes …”

Updates to SCENARIOS in the Coding Manual:
• Chapter 7 scenario “Coronary bypass graft, glaucoma” (p. 932) should include code I25.10 in M1023b.
• Chapter 10 scenario “Pneumonia, obstructive bronchitis” (p.1054): The sequencing of the codes should be J44.0, J44.1, J18.9.
• Chapter 11 scenario “Abdominal abscess following surgery” (p. 1094) is missing the insulin code Z79.4 in M1023f.
• Chapter 14 scenario “ESRD with kidney transplant” (p. 1291): The Z94.0 status code is not necessary.
• Chapter 14 scenario “Benign prostatic hyperplasia” (p. 1292): The first sentence of the scenario should be disregarded “Pressure ulcer of right buttock, stage 3.”
• Chapter 21 scenario “Joint replacement” (p. 1893): An aftercare code from Z47.3- is not appropriate in this scenario, according to Q3 2016 Coding Clinic guidance. You should only assign a code from the Z47.3- (Aftercare following explantation of joint prosthesis) when the joint replacement complication has completely resolved, the old joint has been removed and a new one has been placed in a planned, staged procedure.

Errors in the official CDC code data
Below are errors that appear in the official CDC FY2017 code data. We are not allowed to correct these errors, only the CDC can do that and it has not yet issued an Errata. In the meantime, please be aware of these errors in the data set so you can correct them:
• An Alpha Index search for "hypertensive emergency" points to I16.2 which is an error in the code data as there is no I16.2 code; it should point to I16.1.
• The Excludes 1 note on T84.01 is incorrect in the official code data. Periprosthetic fractures are coded to M97, not T84.04.
• The official Alpha Index points to T83.717 for complication > prosthetic device or implant > mesh > erosion, and T83.727 for complication > prosthetic device or implant > mesh > exposure. Those codes do not appear in the Tabular. Instead, T83.718- with an appropriate 7th character identifies “Erosion on other implanted mesh to organ or tissue” and T83.728- with an appropriate 7th character identifies “Exposure of other implanted mesh into organ or tissue”
• Codes T81.40 – T81.49 appear in the Alpha Index but are missing from the official Tabular.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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