

# ICD-10 FACT SHEET

## ICD-10 Coding

ICD-10 coding is part of an international classification system run through the World Health Organization.<sup>1</sup> ICD stands for International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems.

In medical systems within the United States, ICD-10 codes are used as:

1. insurance classification tools; and
2. a method of tracing and understanding, with as much specificity as possible, health conditions and trends.

## Understanding the ICD-10 Coding System

ICD-10-CM Codes are organized into chapters. Chapters are grouped around similar types of conditions.

1. **A00-B99**: Certain infectious and parasitic diseases
2. **C00-D49**: Neoplasms
3. **D50-D89**: Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism
4. **E00-E89**: Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
5. **F01-F99**: Mental, Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental disorders
6. **G00-G99**: Diseases of the nervous system
7. **H00-H59**: Diseases of the eye and adnexa
8. **H60-H95**: Diseases of the ear and mastoid process
9. **I00-I99**: Diseases of the circulatory system
10. **J00-J99**: Diseases of the respiratory system
11. **K00-K95**: Diseases of the digestive system
12. **L00-L99**: Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
13. **M00-M99**: Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue
14. **N00-N99**: Diseases of the genitourinary system
15. **O00-O9A**: Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
16. **P00-P96**: Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
17. **Q00-Q99**: Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/classification-of-diseases>

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- 18. R00-R99: Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified
- 19. S00-T88: Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes
- 20. U00-U85: Codes for special purposes
- 21. V00-Y99: External causes of morbidity
- 22. Z00-Z99: Factors influencing health status and contact with health services

If you are using [ICD10Data.com](http://ICD10Data.com) please be aware that not every code listed is billable. Codes that define a category within a chapter are not billable (identified by the red arrow next to them), but the codes with specificity under them are billable (identified by the green arrow next to them).

### Example:

#### Codes

- ▶ F41 Other anxiety disorders
  - ▶ F41.0 Panic disorder [episodic paroxysmal anxiety]
  - ▶ F41.1 Generalized anxiety disorder
  - ▶ F41.3 Other mixed anxiety disorders
  - ▶ F41.8 Other specified anxiety disorders
  - ▶ F41.9 Anxiety disorder, unspecified

## ICD-10 Coding for Medicaid to Schools

- ICD-10 coding is the Medicaid system of categorizing payment types and is for informational purposes only. Utilizing an ICD-10 code does not create a legal or formal diagnosis. ICD-10 codes do not have to be used in any school reporting (psychological evaluation reports, IEP).
- ICD-10 coding is not a “perfect science”. Providers, billers and administrators should use the ICD-10 code that best describes the condition being addressed. There are often multiple paths to access the same correct ICD-10 code for a particular student. The data that informs coding decisions comes from the students’ IEP, 504, or other care plan information. There also may be a provider's order with a specific diagnosis or ICD-10 code attached. The ICD-10 code used on a particular student may change as more information is learned about that child through evaluations.

# Understanding ICD-10 Coding in New Hampshire for Medicaid in Schools

1. To bill Medicaid in NH through a school there must be medical necessity. There are [educational diagnoses](#) that require medical services during school hours to treat the condition. The ICD-10 code chosen should reasonably answer the question “WHY is a service medically necessary”.
  - a. To view the NH State Medicaid to School Rule: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt476/files/documents/2021-11/hew589adopted.pdf>
2. In New Hampshire the code F81.9 is **not** considered a billable code.
  - a. The NH Medicaid team has determined that this code does not meet the specificity required. This is not uncommon. Some states such as Rhode Island have extensive lists of codes that are not allowable as primary codes on medicaid documentation.
3. What is changing as of July 1, 2022 in NH

Prior to July 1, 2022	As of July 1, 2022
F81.9 is being broadly used for most students	<p>ICD 10 codes should <i>as best as possible</i> be connected to the child's diagnosis OR signs and symptoms for the service(s) they are receiving. An ICD-10 code is NOT a legal or official diagnosis. They can be and ARE commonly provided by entry level staff in clinics using provider notes (in this case the IEP/504) and coding resources such as <a href="https://www.icd10data.com/">https://www.icd10data.com/</a>.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> A student formally diagnosed with or their care plan indicates they have generalized anxiety disorder (<a href="#">F41.1</a>) would not typically be expected to receive PT.</p>
	<p>The ICD-10 code is the reason why each service is being provided and is medically necessary. In other words, the ICD-10 codes are not determined by services, but each covered service needs to be justified by a ICD-10 code. There does not need to be a separate code for each service.</p> <p><b>A student can receive <i>multiple</i> services (i.e. PT, OT, Speech) for <i>one</i> medical condition represented by <i>one</i> ICD-10 code.</b> A student who's formally diagnosed with or has IEP documents that indicate that they have Cerebral Palsy can reasonably be expected to receive PT, OT and Speech services all with the ICD-10 code of <a href="#">G80.9</a>.</p> <p><b>A student could also receive <i>multiple</i> services addressing <i>more than one</i> medical condition, and in this case, the ICD-10 code representing each medical condition should be matched to the services that are addressing that condition.</b> A student has documented diagnoses of both generalized anxiety disorder and spina bifida. They receive psychotherapy services for anxiety and physical therapy services for spina bifida. The code <b>F41.1: Generalized anxiety disorder</b> should be used when billing claims for psychotherapy services and the code <b>Q05.9: Spina bifida, unspecified</b> should be used when billing claims for physical therapy services.</p>

ICD-10 coding guidelines apply to claims on the date of SERVICE, not the date of billing.

**Example:** Services provided on 4/20/2022 can use F81.9. Services provided on 7/1/2022 need to use a code that is connected to the condition the child is receiving services for (either code from a provider office, diagnosis (from provider/ or described in IEP/504) or signs and symptoms)

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