



Facility Inpatient Claims – Edits Coming Soon

Effective August 1, 2023, edits will be applied to claims submitted with:

- Questionable admission-principal diagnosis
- Unacceptable principal diagnosis

This affects all HAP and HAP Empowered claims. Please see details below.

Questionable Admission-Principal Diagnosis

Per the ICD Manual and CMS policy, questionable admission-principal diagnosis only codes are not sufficient justification for admission to an acute care hospital.

Claims submitted with a principal diagnosis from the questionable admission diagnosis list will be denied. A replacement claim with a valid principal diagnosis code will need to be submitted.

Examples from questionable admission-principal diagnosis only list:

- Diabetes mellitus without complication (E11.9, E13.9)
- Obesity related (E66.09, E66.1, E66.8, E66.9)
- Impacted cerumen (H61.2-H61.23)
- Essential (primary) hypertension (I10)
- Bundle branch block (I44.4-I44.7, I45.0, I45.1-I45.19)
- Elevated prostate specific antigen (R97.2-R97.21)
- Elevated blood pressure reading without hypertension (R03.0)
- Asymptomatic HIV infection status (Z21)
- Fitting and adjustment of cardiac pacemaker/defibrillator/other device (Z45.0-Z45.09)

Unacceptable Principal Diagnosis

Per the ICD Manual and CMS policy, there are certain diagnosis codes that do not describe a current illness or injury, but only describe the circumstance that influences the patient's health, or the underlying cause of the injury or illness. These codes are considered unacceptable as a principal diagnosis for an inpatient admission.

Claims submitted with the principal diagnosis from the Unacceptable Principal Diagnosis list, will be denied. A replacement claim with a valid principal diagnosis code will need to be submitted.

Examples of unacceptable principal diagnoses:

- Malignant neoplasm associated with transplanted organ (C80.2)
- Graft-versus-host disease (D89.81-D89.813)
- Nicotine dependence (F17.200, F17.201, F17.210, F17.211, F17.220, F17.221, F17.290, F17.291)
- Glaucoma (H40.12-H40.1394, H40.15-H40.159)
- Cardiac tamponade (I31.4)
- Hepatopulmonary syndrome (K76.81)
- Malignant ascites (R18.0)
- Rabies contact (Z20.3)