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New ICD-9-CM Code for Beneficiaries with Chronic Kidney Disease

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services provided to beneficiaries with chronic kidney disease

Provider Action Needed



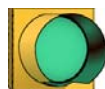
STOP – Impact to You

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4108, which announces that ICD-9-CM code 585 for Chronic Renal Failure will no longer be acceptable without the fourth digit extension for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2005.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The ICD-9-CM diagnosis code 585 for chronic kidney disease has been extended to include a fourth digit to provide a higher degree of specificity in reporting the stage of kidney disease. The new ICD-CM codes are described in the table on page 2 of this article.



GO – What You Need to Do

See the *Background* section of this article for further details regarding the new ICD-9-CM codes for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic kidney disease.

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Background

Transmittal 591, Change Request 3888, issued on June 24, 2005, provided instructions for the annual update of the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Rev, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)* coding (effective on October 1, 2005). This annual update extends the diagnosis code of 585 for chronic kidney disease to include a fourth digit for a higher degree of specificity in reporting the stage of kidney disease.

Renal dialysis facilities, hospitals, and providers should be aware that the ICD-9-CM code 585 for Chronic Renal Failure will **no longer be acceptable without the fourth digit extension** for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2005.

The new codes for chronic kidney disease are defined in the following table:

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code Description
585.1	Chronic kidney disease, Stage I
585.2	Chronic kidney disease, Stage II (mild)
585.3	Chronic kidney disease, Stage III (moderate)
585.4	Chronic kidney disease, Stage IV (severe)
585.5	Chronic kidney disease, Stage V
585.6	End stage renal disease
585.9	Chronic kidney disease, unspecified

Type of Bill (TOB) 72x

Renal Dialysis Facilities (RDFs) submitting claims with TOB 72x should report **diagnosis code 585.6** (End Stage Renal Disease).

Note: The first two digits of the TOB 72x indicate a claim for an ESRD facility, and the third digit identifies the frequency of the claim being submitted.

Epotein Alfa and Darbepoetin Alfa

RDFs and hospitals billing for Epotein Alfa (EPO) with Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q4055 and Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp) with HCPCS code Q4054 must have **diagnosis code 585.6** (End Stage Renal Disease).

Epotein Alfa (EPO), billed with HCPCS code Q0136, and Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp), billed with HCPCS code Q0137, are not appropriate for beneficiaries

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who have been diagnosed with end stage renal disease and, therefore, should not be billed in conjunction with the diagnosis code of 585.6 (End Stage Renal Disease).

Also, please note the change to the codes being used for EPO and Aranesp, since some codes are being terminated and replaced with new codes as of January 1, 2006. Those changes, effective January 1, 2006, are as follows:

- Q0136 – Epoetin Alfa for Non-ESRD use is replaced with J0885.
- Q0137 – Darbepoetin Alfa for Non-ESRD use is replaced with J0881.
- Q4054 – Darbepoetin Alfa for ESRD use is replaced with J0882.
- Q4055 – Epoetin Alfa for ESRD use is replaced with J0886.

Implementation

The implementation date for the instruction is April 3, 2006.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R737CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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