

ICD-10-CM Code for Multiple Sclerosis

Start date for ICD-10-CM: October 1, 2015

As of October 1, 2015, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the use of the *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM)* as the medical code set for medical diagnoses and inpatient hospital procedures.^{1,2} The transition to *ICD-10-CM* is also required for all individuals covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).³ These codes replace the *ICD-9-CM* codes that were previously used.

ICD-10-CM represents significant improvements over *ICD-9-CM*, including⁴

- The addition of information relevant to ambulatory and managed care encounters
- Expanded injury codes
- The creation of combined diagnosis/symptom codes
- The addition of sixth and seventh characters
- Fourth- and fifth-digit subclassifications for greater specificity in code assignment

The *ICD-10-CM* code for multiple sclerosis

For multiple sclerosis, there will continue to be a single ICD diagnosis code. The code has changed as follows:

Active code as of October 1, 2015	Inactive Code as of October 1, 2015
 ICD-10-CM Code and Description⁵ G35 Multiple sclerosis	 ICD-9-CM Code and Description⁶ 340 Multiple sclerosis

Use G35 for a multiple sclerosis diagnosis on claims submissions to avoid reimbursement delays

It is important to know that as of October 1, 2015, CMS will NOT accept *ICD-9-CM* codes on any claims submissions (electronic or paper) that have a date of service or a date of discharge on or after October 1, 2015. Failure to use *ICD-10-CM* codes will result in the return or rejection of reimbursement claims.⁷



For more information

The CMS website provides information and clarifying questions and answers about the transition from *ICD-9-CM* to *ICD-10-CM*. Please see the CMS website at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html

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