

CPT and ICD-10 Update 2026

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2026 ICD-10 Coding Update

- Released by CMS on June 9, 2025, took effect on October 1, 2025, and cover processes until September 30, 2026.
- These updates include:
 - 614 total new codes, including 487 billable codes
 - 12 invalidated codes
 - 642 changes to billability
 - 88 term modifications
 - 1 new ICD-10 section

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- Updates to ICD-10 codes for diabetes...
 - *E11.A – Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications in remission.*
- Diabetes can now officially be documented as being in remission, classified by sustaining normal blood glucose levels for three months or more

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- Non-pressure injuries/ulcers
 - Over 100 new codes broken down to site and severity
 - L98.A1
 - Non-pressure chronic ulcer of upper arm
 - L98.A1**1**
 - Non-pressure chronic ulcer of right upper arm
 - L98.A1**16**
 - Non-pressure chronic ulcer of right upper arm with bone involvement without evidence of necrosis

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- Key new codes for lower limb **non-pressure** injuries/ulcers (L97.XXX), excluding pressure ulcers (L89.XXX). Over 100 new codes broken down to site and severity
 - New and expanded codes refine laterality (right/left/unspecified) and severity levels, building on prior expansions.
- L97.2-: Calf
 - L97.205: Unspecified calf with muscle involvement without evidence of necrosis
 - L97.206: Unspecified calf with bone involvement without evidence of necrosis
 - L97.208: Unspecified calf with other specified severity
 - L97.225: Left calf with muscle involvement without evidence of necrosis
 - L97.226: Left calf with bone involvement without evidence of necrosis
 - L97.228: Left calf with other specified severity

Often paired with E11.XXX diabetic codes

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- Non-pressure chronic ulcers (e.g., L98.A1 to L98.A116 for upper arm with bone involvement)
- Abdominal wall injuries (e.g., S31.127 for laceration with foreign body, left flank)
- Parkinson's indexing shifts (now directs to G20.A1 instead of G20.C; new subterms under Parkinsonism)
- Neuroendocrine tumors reclassified from D3A.8 to malignant C7A.-codes

Sequencing and Healed Wounds

- **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**
- Sequence the underlying condition FIRST! (if applicable)
 - e.g. E11.621, then L97.511
 - I87.311... not needed to qualify first since underlying condition already built into the code
- Healed ulcers – no code
 - If still healing, alter the code to show the severity of the wound
- Pressure injuries/ulcers
 - Always graded at the worst level it's been until healed
 - e.g. L89.614 (R heel, Stage 4)... document “healing Stage 4”, but it always remains Stage 4 until healed
- Over 100 new codes across L97/L98 for improved capture in post-acute setting

More codes...

- New codes for 2-15 day periods (e.g. 99445 and 99470); revised 99453/99454 (lower time threshold – 10 min/month)
- Surgery – lower extremity revascularization: 46 new regional codes (7254-37299) replacing prior ones by vascular region (i.e. iliac, femoral/popliteal, etc) as well as lesion complexity
- Otology – hearing devices 12 new time-based codes (92628-92642) for eval, fitting and f/u
- AI Cardiac risk assessment (75577); proprietary lab analyses (largest new category at 27% of codes)
- New code M1494 (fall reported since last visit) and M1495 (fall with plan of care)

Thank you!



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