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Risk Adjustment Coding Corner

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ICD-10 Code Updates

- There have been several ICD-10 diagnosis code additions, deletions, and revisions, effective as of **October 1, 2026**.
- Many of the new codes feel familiar – the updates are simply an ongoing expansion of coding specificity.
    - Oncology adds precise tracking for secondary malignant neoplasms.
    - Cardiology brings expanded choices for cardiomyopathies and arrhythmias.
    - Musculoskeletal updates include greater laterality.
- Here are some highlights of code updates that will be most impactful to risk adjustment. You may view the changes in their entirety at the references listed after these examples.
    - ***Diseases of Blood/Blood Forming Organs***
        - There are two new specific codes for qualitative platelet defects, which will replace a broader code.
        - D69.1 will be replaced with:
            - **D69.11: Glanzmann thrombasthenia**
            - **D69.19: Other qualitative platelet defects**
    - ***Diseases of the Circulatory System***
        - There are various new codes for specific descriptions of certain cardiac conditions, which will replace more general codes.
        - I42.0 will be replaced with:
            - **I42.00**: Dilated cardiomyopathy, unspecified
            - **I42.01**: Familial-genetic dilated cardiomyopathy
            - **I42.09**: Other dilated cardiomyopathy
        - I42.8 will be replaced with:
            - **I42.81**: Arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy
            - **I42.89**: Other cardiomyopathies not elsewhere classified
        - I49.8 will be replaced with:
            - **I49.81**: Brugada syndrome
            - **I49.82**: Ventricular bigeminy
            - **I49.89**: Other specified cardiac arrhythmias not elsewhere classified
    - ***Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System***
        - There are various new codes for specific descriptions of osteomyelitis, including laterality, which will replace more general codes. This applies to M86.8X1 through M86.8X8.
        - For example, M86.8X1 will be replaced with:
            - **M86.8X11**: Other osteomyelitis, right shoulder
            - **M86.8X12**: Other osteomyelitis, left shoulder
            - **M86.8X19**: Other osteomyelitis, unspecified shoulder

References

- https://www.findicd10.com/codes/changes/2027
- https://www.aapc.com/blog/94184-sneak-a-peek-at-the-2027-icd-10-cm-updates/

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