2010 ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes

Related to Speech and Hearing Disorders

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ICD-9-CM Diagnostic Codes

Overview:

The International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) is based on the World Health Organization’s Ninth Revision, International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9). ICD-9-CM is the official system of assigning codes to diagnoses and procedures associated with hospital utilization in the United States. The ICD-9 is used to code and classify mortality data from death certificates.

The ICD-9-CM consists of:

- A tabular list containing a numerical list of the disease code numbers in tabular form;
- An alphabetical index to the disease entries, and
- A classification system for surgical, diagnostic, and therapeutic procedures (alphabetical index and tabular list).

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are the U.S. governmental agencies responsible for overseeing all changes and modifications to the ICD-9-CM.

Scope:

The intent of ICD-9-CM is to standardize disease and procedure classification throughout the United States, and to gather data about basic health statistics.

Purpose:

HIPAA legislation requires the ICD-9-CM to be used for health services billing and record keeping.

Relation to Professional Scope of Practice:

The speech-language pathologist and audiologist practicing in a medical setting, especially a hospital, may have to code delivery of services according to the ICD-9-CM.

Official ICD-9-CM Web sites:

National Center for Health Statistics:
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/icd9des.htm

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/

ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, Effective October 1, 2009””
Chp. 1. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (001-009)
042 AIDS

Chp. 2. Neoplasm
Malignant Neoplasm of Lip, Oral Cavity, and Pharynx (140-149)
140 Malignant neoplasm of lip
141 Malignant neoplasm of tongue
143 Malignant neoplasm of gum
144 Malignant neoplasm of floor of mouth
145 Malignant neoplasm of other and unspecified parts of mouth
145.0 Cheek mucosa
145.1 Vestibule of mouth
145.2 Hard palate
145.3 Soft palate
145.9 Mouth, unspecified
146 Malignant neoplasm of oropharynx
147 Malignant neoplasm of nasopharynx
148 Malignant neoplasm of hypopharynx
149 Malignant neoplasm of other and ill-defined sites within lip, oral cavity, and pharynx
150 Malignant neoplasm of esophagus
150.3 Upper third of esophagus
150.4 Middle third of esophagus
150.5 Lower third of esophagus
160 Malignant neoplasm of nasal cavities, middle ear, and accessory sinuses
160.1 auditory tube, middle ear and mastoid air cells
161 Malignant neoplasm of larynx
170.1 Malignant neoplasm of mandible
191 Malignant neoplasm of brain
192 other and unspecified parts of nervous system
195 head, face, and neck
198.3 Secondary malignant neoplasm of brain and spinal cord
198.4 other parts of nervous system; meninges
210 Benign neoplasm of lip, oral cavity, and pharynx
210.0 Lip
210.1 Tongue
210.2 Major salivary glands
210.3 Floor of mouth
210.4 Other and unspecified parts of mouth
   Palate (hard) (soft)
   Oral mucosa
   Gum (upper) (lower)
Oral cavity NOS
210.6 Other parts of oropharynx
210.7 Nasopharynx
210.8 Hypopharynx
210.9 Pharynx, unspecified
212 Benign neoplasm of respiratory and intrathoracic organs
212.0 Nasal cavities, middle ear, and accessory sinuses
212.1 Larynx
212.2 Tachea
213 Benign neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage
213.0 Bones of skull and face
213.1 Lower jaw bone
225 Benign neoplasm of brain/nervous system
225.0 Brain
225.1 Cranial nerves (acoustic tumor)
225.2 Cerebral Meninges

Carcinoma in Situ (230-234)
230 Carcinoma in situ of digestive organs
230.0 Lip, oral cavity, and pharynx
230.1 Esophagus
231 Carcinoma in situ of respiratory system
231.0 Larynx
232.2 Trachea
232 Carcinoma in situ of skin
232.0 Skin of lip
232.2 Ear and external auditory canal
237 Neoplasm of endocrine glands and nervous system
237.3 Neoplasm of paraganglia
237.5 Brain and spinal cord
237.6 Meninges
237.72 Neurofibromatosis: acoustic
239.6 Neoplasms of unspecified nature - brain

Chp. 3. Endocrine, Nutritional, and Metabolic Diseases and Immunity Disorders (240-279)
279.4 Autoimmune disease, not elsewhere classified

Chp. 4. Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs (280-289)

Chp. 5. Mental Disorders (290-319)
290 Dementias
290.0 Senile dementia, uncomplicated
290.1 Presenile dementia
Brain syndrome with presenile brain disease

Use additional code to identify the associated neurological condition, as: Alzheimer’s disease (331.0)
290.4 Arteriosclerotic dementia
Multi-infarct dementia or psychosis

Use additional code to identify cerebral atherosclerosis (437.0)
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<td>Presbyophrenic psychosis</td>
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<td>Transient organic psychotic conditions</td>
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<td>Acute delirium</td>
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<td>Subacute delirium</td>
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<td>Other organic psychotic conditions (chronic)</td>
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<td>Amnestic syndrome</td>
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<td>Korsakoff’s psychosis or syndrome (nonalcoholic)</td>
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<td>294.10</td>
<td>Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere without behavioral disturbance</td>
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<td>294.11</td>
<td>Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere with behavioral disturbance</td>
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<td>Other specified organic brain syndromes (chronic)</td>
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<td>Unspecified organic brain syndrome (chronic)</td>
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<td>Schizophrenic disorders</td>
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<td>infantile autism (299.0)</td>
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<td>Affective psychoses</td>
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<td>Pervasive developmental disorder</td>
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<td>0- Current or active state</td>
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<td>1- Residual state</td>
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<td>299.0</td>
<td>Autistic Disorder</td>
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<td>Childhood disintegrative psychosis</td>
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**Neurotic Disorders, Personality Disorders, and Other Nonpsychotic Mental Disorders (300-316)**

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<td>Hair plucking</td>
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<td>Masturbation</td>
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313.23 Selective mutism
314.0 Attention deficit disorder
314.00 Without mention of hyperactivity
314.01 With hyperactivity
314.1 Hyperkinesis with developmental delay

315 Specific delays in development
Excludes: that due to a neurological disorder (320.0-389.0)
315.0 Specific reading disorder
  315.00 Reading disorder, unspecified
  315.01 Alexia
  315.02 Developmental dyslexia
  315.09 Other specific spelling difficulty
315.1 Specific mathematics disorder
  Dyscalculia
315.2 Other specific learning difficulties
315.3 Developmental speech or language disorder
  315.31 Expressive language disorder
  Developmental aphasia
  Word deafness
Excludes: Acquired aphasia (784.3)
  Elective mutism (309.83, 313.0, 313.23)
315.32 Mixed receptive-expressive language disorder; central auditory processing disorder (New text 2008)
315.34 Speech and language developmental delay due to hearing loss
  Use additional code to identify type of hearing loss (389.00 – 389.9)
315.39 Other
  Developmental articulation disorder
  Dyslalia
Excludes: Lisping and lalling (307.9)
  Stammering and stuttering (307.0)
315.4 Developmental coordination disorder
  Clumsiness syndrome
  Dyspraxia syndrome
  Specific motor development disorder
315.5 Mixed developmental disorder
315.8 Other specific delays in development
315.9 Unspecified delay in development

317 Mild mental retardation
318 Other specific mental retardation
  318.0 Moderate mental retardation
  318.1 Severe mental retardation
  318.2 Profound mental retardation
319 Unspecified mental retardation
Chp. 6 Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs (320-389)

320 Bacterial Meningitis
   322.9 Meningitis, unspecified

331 Other cerebral degenerations
   331.0 Alzheimer’s Disease
   331.11 Pick’s Disease
   331.2 Senile degeneration of brain
   331.7 Cerebral degeneration in diseases classified elsewhere
         alcoholism (303.0-303.9)
         cerebrovascular disease (430-438)
         congenital hydrocephalus (741.0-742.3)
   331.83 Mild Cognitive impairment

332.0 Parkinson’s Disease
   Paralysis agitans

333 Other extrapyramidal disease and abnormal movement disorders
   333.0 Other degenerative diseases of the basal ganglia
   333.1 Essential and other specified forms of tremor
   333.2 Myoclonus
   333.3 Tics of organic origin
   333.4 Huntington’s chorea
   333.5 Other chorieas

334 Spinocerebellar disease
   334.0 Friedreich’s ataxia
   334.2 Primary cerebellar degeneration
   334.3 Other cerebellar ataxia
   334.4 Cerebellar ataxia in diseases classified elsewhere
         alcoholism (303.0-303.9)

335 Anterior horn cell disease
   335.2 Motor neuron disease
      335.20 Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
      Motor neuron disease (bulbar) (mixed type)
      335.21 Progressive muscular atrophy
      335.22 Progressive bulbar palsy
      335.23 Pseudobulbar palsy
      335.24 Primary lateral sclerosis
      335.29 Other

Other Disorders of the Central Nervous System (340-349)

340 Multiple sclerosis

343 Infantile cerebral palsy
   343.0 Diplegic
   343.1 Hemiplegic
   343.2 Quadriplegic
343.3 Monoplegic
343.4 Infantile Hemiplegia
343.8 Other specified infantile cerebral palsy
343.9 Infantile cerebral palsy, unspecified

345 Epilepsy

348 Other conditions of brain
348.0 Cerebral cysts
348.1 Anoxic brain damage
348.2 Benign intracranial hypertension
348.3 Encephalopathy, unspecified
348.4 Compression of brain
348.5 Cerebral edema
348.8 Other conditions of brain
cerebral calcification or fungus
348.9 Unspecified condition of brain

349 Unspecified disorders of the nervous system
Disorder of nervous system (central) NOS

Disorders of the Peripheral Nervous System (350-359)

358 Myoneural disorders
358.0 Myasthenia gravis

359 Muscular dystrophies and other myopathies
359.0 Congenital hereditary muscular dystrophy
359.1 Hereditary progressive muscular dystrophy

Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (380-389)

380 Disorders of external ear
380.00 Perichondritis of pinna, unspecified
380.01 Acute perichondritis of pinna
380.02 Chronic perichondritis of pinna
380.03 Chondritis of pinna
380.10 Infective otitis externa
380.11 Acute infection of pinna
380.12 Acute swimmers’ ear
380.13 Other acute infections of external ear

381 Non supplicative otitis media and Eustachian tube disorders
381.0 Acute nonsuppurative otitis media
Acute tubotympanic catarrh
Otitis media, acute or subacute
catarrhal
exudative
transudative
with effusion
Excludes: otitic barotrauma (993.0)
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<td>Acute or subacute secretory otitis media</td>
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384.0 Acute myringitis without mention of otitis media
   384.00 Acute myringitis, unspecified
   Acute tympanitis NOS
384.01 Bullous myringitis
   Myringitis bullosa hemorrhagica
384.09 Other
384.2 Perforation of tympanic membrane
   Perforation of ear drum:
     NOS
     persistent posttraumatic
     postinflammatory
     Excludes: traumatic perforation (current injury)
     (872.61)
384.20 Perforation of tympanic membrane, unspecified
384.21 Central perforation of tympanic membrane
384.22 Attic perforation of tympanic membrane
384.23 Other marginal perforation of tympanic membrane
384.24 Multiple perforations of tympanic membrane
384.25 Total perforation of tympanic membrane

385 Other disorders of middle ear and mastoid
385.0 Tympanosclerosis
   385.00 Tympanosclerosis, unspecified as to involvement
   385.01 Tympanosclerosis involving tympanic membrane only
   385.02 Tympanosclerosis involving tympanic membrane and ear ossicles
   385.03 Tympanosclerosis involving tympanic membrane, ear ossicles, and middle ear
   385.09 Tympanosclerosis involving other combination of structures
385.1 Adhesive middle ear disease
   Adhesive otitis
   Excludes: glue ear (381.20-381.29)
385.10 Adhesive middle ear disease, unspecified as to involvement
   385.11 Adhesions of drum head to incus
   385.12 Adhesions of drum head stapes
   385.13 Adhesions of drum head to promontorium
   385.19 Other adhesions and combinations
385.2 Other acquired abnormality of ear ossicles
   385.21 Impaired mobility of malleus; Ankylosis of malleus
   385.22 Impaired mobility of other ear ossicles; Ankylosis of ear ossicles, except malleus
   385.23 Discontinuity or dislocation of ear ossicles
   385.24 Partial loss or necrosis of ear ossicles
385.3 Cholesteatoma of middle ear and mastoid
   Cholesterosis
   Epidermosis
   } of (middle) ear
Keratosis
Poly
Excludes: cholesteatoma:
  external ear canal
  recurrent of postmastoidectomy cavity
385.30 Cholesteatoma, unspecified
385.31 Cholesteatoma of attic
385.32 Cholesteatoma of middle ear
385.33 Cholesteatoma of middle ear and mastoid
385.35 Diffuse cholesteatosis
385.8 Other disorders of middle ear and mastoid
385.82 Cholesterin granuloma
385.83 Retained foreign body of middle ear
385.89 Other
385.9 Unspecified disorder of middle ear and mastoid

Vertiginous syndromes and other disorders of vestibular system
Excludes: vertigo NOS (780.4)
386.0 Meniere’s disease
  Endolymphatic hydrops
  Lermoyez’s syndrome
  Meniere’s syndrome or vertigo
386.00 Meniere’s disease, unspecified Meniere’s disease (active)
386.01 Active Meniere’s disease, cochleovestibular
386.02 Active Meniere’s disease, cochlear
386.03 Active Meniere’s disease, vestibular
386.04 Inactive Meniere’s disease, Meniere’s disease in remission
386.1 Other and unspecified peripheral vertigo
Excludes: epidemic vertigo (078.81)
386.10 Peripheral vertigo, unspecified
386.11 Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, Benign paroxysmal positional nystagmus
386.12 Vestibular neuronitis
  Acute (and recurrent) peripheral vestibulopathy
386.19 Other
  Aural vertigo
  Otogenic vertigo
386.2 Vertigo of central origin
  Central positional nystagmus
  Malignant positional vertigo
386.3 Labyrinthitis
386.30 Labyrinthitis, unspecified
386.31 Serous labyrinthitis
  Diffuse labyrinthitis
386.32 Circumscribed labyrinthitis
  Focal labyrinthitis
386.33 Purulent labyrinthitis
386.34 Toxic labyrinthitis
386.35 Viral labyrinthitis
386.4 Labyrinthine fistula
386.40 Labyrinthine fistula, unspecified
386.41 Round window fistula
386.42 Oval window fistula
386.43 Semicircular canal fistula
386.48 Labyrinthine fistula of combined sites
386.5 Labyrinthine dysfunction
386.50 Labyrinthine dysfunction, unspecified
386.51 Hyperactive labyrinth, unilateral
386.52 Hyperactive labyrinth, bilateral
386.53 Hypoactive labyrinth, unilateral
386.54 Hypoactive labyrinth, bilateral
386.55 Loss of labyrinthine reactivity, unilateral
386.56 Loss of labyrinthine reactivity, bilateral
386.58 Other forms and combinations
386.8 Other disorders of labyrinth
386.9 Unspecified vertiginous syndromes and labyrinthine disorders

387 Otosclerosis

388 Other disorders of ear
388.0 Degenerative and vascular disorders of ear
388.00 Degenerative and vascular disorders, unspecified
388.01 Presbyacusis
388.02 Transient ischemic deafness
388.1 Noise effects on inner ear
388.10 Noise effects on inner ear, unspecified
388.11 Noise effects, unspecified
388.12 Noise-induced hearing loss
388.2 Sudden hearing loss, unspecified
388.3 Tinnitus
388.30 Tinnitus, unspecified
388.31 Subjective tinnitus
388.32 Objective tinnitus
388.4 Other abnormal auditory perception
388.40 Abnormal auditory perception, unspecified
388.41 Diplacusis
388.42 Hyperacusis
388.43 Impairment of auditory discrimination
388.44 Recruitment
388.45 Acquired auditory processing disorder
388.5 Disorders of acoustic nerve
Acoustic neuritis
Degeneration (of acoustic or eighth nerve) Disorder
Excludes: acoustic neuroma (225.1)
syphilitic acoustic neuritis (094.86)
389 Hearing Loss
389.0 Conductive hearing loss
389.00 Conductive hearing loss, unspecified
389.01 Conductive hearing loss, external ear
389.02 Conductive hearing loss, tympanic membrane
389.03 Conductive hearing loss, middle ear
389.04 Conductive hearing loss, inner ear
389.05 Conductive hearing loss, unilateral
389.06 Conductive hearing loss, bilateral
389.08 Conductive hearing loss of combined types

389.1 Sensorineural hearing loss
389.10 Sensorineural hearing loss, unspecified
389.11 Sensory hearing loss, bilateral
389.12 Neural hearing loss, bilateral
389.13 Neural hearing loss, unilateral
389.14 Central hearing loss
389.15 Sensorineural hearing loss, unilateral
389.16 Sensorineural hearing loss, asymmetrical
389.17 Sensory hearing loss, unilateral
389.18 Sensorineural hearing loss, bilateral

389.2 Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss
389.20 Mixed hearing loss, unspecified
389.21 Mixed hearing loss, unilateral
389.22 Mixed hearing loss, bilateral

389.7 Deaf, non-speaking, not elsewhere classifiable
389.8 Other specified forms of hearing loss
389.9 Unspecified hearing loss

Chp. 7. Diseases of the Circulatory System (390-459)

Cerebrovascular Disease (430-438)
430 Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
431 Intracerebral hemorrhage
432 Other and unspecified intracranial hemorrhage
434 Occlusion of cerebral arteries
434.0 Cerebral thrombosis
434.1 Cerebral embolism
434.9 Cerebral artery occlusion, unspecified
435 Transient cerebral ischemia
435.9 Unspecified transient cerebral ischemia
Transient ischemic attack (TIA)
Interruption cerebral ischemia

436  Acute, but ill-defined, cerebrovascular disease
     CVA
     Stroke

437  Other and ill-defined cerebrovascular disease
437.0  Cerebral atherosclerosis
437.1  Other generalized ischemic cerebrovascular disease
437.3  Cerebral aneurysm, nonruptured
437.9  Unspecified
Cerebrovascular disease or lesion NOS

Note: New ICD-9 codes went into effect October 1, 1997 that relate to aphasia, speech-language deficits, cognitive deficits, apraxia, and dysphagia. The series of codes add more specificity to 438 (late effects of cerebrovascular disease). The codes should be used for speech-language deficits, apraxia, and dysphagia when related to cerebrovascular disease. "Late effects" include conditions specified as such, or as sequelae, which may occur at any time after the onset of the causal condition.

438.0  Cognitive deficits
438.1  Speech and Language Deficits
  438.10  Late effect of cerebrovascular disease, speech and language deficits, unspecified
  438.11  Late effect of cerebrovascular disease, speech and language deficits, aphasia
  438.12  Late effect of cerebrovascular disease, speech and language deficits, dysphasia
  438.13  Late effect of cerebrovascular disease, dysarthria
  438.14  Late effect of cerebrovascular disease, fluency disorder
  438.19  Late effect of cerebrovascular disease, other speech and language deficits
  438.81  Other late effect of cerebrovascular disease, apraxia
  438.82  Other late effect of cerebrovascular disease, dysphagia. Use additional code to identify the type of dysphagia, if known (787.20-787.29)
  438.89  Other late effects of cerebrovascular disease
438.9  Unspecified late effects of cerebrovascular disease

Chp. 8. Diseases of the Respiratory System (460-519)
464  Acute laryngitis and tracheitis
  474.1  Hypertrophy of tonsils adenoids
         Tonsils alone
         Adenoids alone
476  Chronic laryngitis and laryngotracheitis
478  Other diseases of the upper respiratory tract
  478.3  Paralysis of vocal cords or larynx
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**Chp. 9** Diseases of the Digestive System (520-579)

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Chp. 10. Diseases of the Genitourinary System (580-629)

Chp. 11. Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (630-676)

Chp. 12. Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue (680-709)

Chp. 13. Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue (710-739)


741.0 Spina bifida with hydrocephalus
741.9 Spina bifida without mention of hydrocephalus
742.0 Encephalocele
742.1 Microcephalus
742.2 Reduction deformities of brain
742.3 Congenital hydrocephalus
742.4 Other specified anomalies of brain
742.5 Other specified anomalies of spinal cord
742.8 Other specified anomalies of nervous system
742.9 Unspecified anomaly of brain, spinal cord, and nervous system

744 Congenital anomalies of ear, face, and neck

744.0 Anomaly of ear causing impairment of hearing

Excludes: congenital deafness without mention of cause
(389.0-389.9)

744.01 Absence of external ear
744.02 Other anomalies of external ear with impairment of hearing
744.03 Anomalies of middle ear, except ossicles
744.04 Anomalies of ear ossicles
744.05 Anomalies of inner ear
744.09 Other
744.8 Other specified anomalies of face and neck

748 Congenital anomalies of respiratory system

748.2 Web of larynx
748.3 Other anomalies of larynx, trachea & bronchus

749 Cleft palate and cleft lip

749.0 Cleft palate

749.00 Cleft palate, unspecified
749.01 Unilateral, complete
749.02 Unilateral, incomplete
749.03 Bilateral, complete
749.04 Bilateral, incomplete

749.1 Cleft lip

749.10 Cleft lip, unspecified
749.11 Unilateral, complete
749.12 Unilateral, incomplete
749.13 Bilateral, complete
749.14 Bilateral, incomplete

749.2 Cleft palate with cleft lip
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749.20 Cleft palate, lip; unspecified
749.21 Unilateral complete
749.22 Unilateral, incomplete
749.23 Bilateral, complete
749.24 Bilateral, incomplete
749.25 Other combinations

750.0 Tongue tie
Ankyloglossia

750.1 Other anomalies of tongue
750.10 Anomalies of tongue, unspecified
750.11 Aglossia
750.12 Congenital adhesions of tongue
750.13 Fissure of tongue
750.15 Macroglossia
750.16 Microglossia
      Hypoplasia of tongue
750.19 Other

750.2 Anomalies of mouth and pharynx
750.29 Other specified anomalies of pharynx

758.0 Down Syndrome

Chp. 15. Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (760-779)
779.31 Feeding problems in newborn; under 28 days old

Chp. 16. Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-defined Conditions (780-799)
780.4 Dizziness and giddiness
      Light-headedness
      Vertigo NOS
      (excludes Meniere’s disease and other specified vertiginous syndromes; 386.0-386.9)
781.3 Lack of coordination
      Ataxia NOS
      Muscular incoordination
783.3 Feeding difficulties and mismanagement
783.40 Lack of normal physiological development, unspecified
783.42 Delayed milestones, late talker, late walker

784 Symptoms involving head and neck
784.3 Aphasia
784.4 Voice and resonance disorders
784.40 Voice and resonance disorder, unspecified (revised)
784.41 Aphonia, Loss of voice
784.42 Dysphonia, Hoarseness (new code)
784.43 Hypernasality (new code)
784.44 Hyponasality (new code)
784.49 Other voice and resonance disorders (revised)
784.5 Other Speech Disturbance [excludes speech disorder due to late effect of cerebrovascular accident (438.10-438.19)]
784.51 Dysarthria (new code) [excludes dysarthria due to late effect of cerebrovascular accident (438.13)]
784.59 Other speech disturbance (new code)
   Dysphasia
   Slurred speech
   Speech disturbance NOS (not otherwise specified)

784.6 Other symbolic dysfunction
Excludes: developmental learning delays (315.0-315.9)
784.60 Symbolic dysfunction, unspecified
784.61 Alexia and dyslexia
   Alexia (with agraphia)
784.69 Other
   Acalculia
   Agraphia NOS
   Agnosia
   Apraxia

787.2 Dysphagia
Code first, if applicable, dysphagia due to late effect of cerebrovascular accident (438.82)
787.20 Dysphagia, unspecified
787.21 Dysphagia, oral phase
787.22 Dysphagia, oropharyngeal phase
787.23 Dysphagia, pharyngeal phase
787.24 Dysphagia, pharyngoesophageal phase
787.29 Other dysphagia
   Cervical dysphagia
   Neurogenic dysphagia

794.15 Abnormal auditory function studies
794.16 Abnormal vestibular function studies

Chp. 17. Injury and Poisoning
Intracranial Injury, Excluding Those with Skull Fractures (805-854)
850 Concussion
851 Cerebral laceration and contusion
852 Subarachnoid, subdural, and extradural hemorrhage, following injury
853 Other and unspecified intracranial hemorrhage following injury
854 Intracranial injury of other and unspecified nature
   Includes: brain injury NOS
   head injury NOS
   Injury to Nerves and Spinal Cord (950-957)

931 Foreign body in ear
951 Injury to other cranial nerves
   951.0 Injury to oculomotor nerve (3rd cranial nerve)
   951.1 Injury to trochlear nerve (4th)
   951.2 Injury to trigeminal nerve (5th)
   951.3 Injury to abducens nerve (6th)
   951.4 Injury to facial nerve (7th)
   951.5 Injury to acoustic nerve (8th)
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**V Codes**

Supplementary Classification of Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (V01-V82)

The V codes are provided to deal with occasions when circumstances other than a disease or injury classifiable to categories 001-999 (the main part of ICD), or to the E codes (supplementary classification of external causes of injury and poisoning), are recorded as “diagnoses” or “problems.” This can arise mainly in two ways:

a. When a person who is not currently sick encounters the health services for some specific purpose, such as to act as a donor of an organ or tissue, to receive prophylactic vaccination, or to discuss a problem which is in itself not a disease or injury. This will be a fairly rare occurrence among hospital inpatients, but will be relatively more common among hospital outpatients and patients of family practitioners, health clinics, etc. In these circumstances, it is permissible for the V code to be used in providing single cause tabulations.

b. When some circumstance or problem is present which influences the person’s health status but is not in itself a current illness or injury. Such factors may be elicited during population surveys, when the person may or may not be currently sick, or be recorded as an additional factor to be borne in mind when the person is receiving care for some current illness or injury classifiable to categories 001-999.

In the latter circumstances the V code should be used only as a supplementary code and should not be the one selected for use in primary, single cause tabulations. Examples of these circumstances are a personal history of certain diseases, or a person with an artificial heart valve in situ.

**Persons with a Condition Influencing Their Health Status (V15-V49)**

(Note: These categories are intended for use when these conditions are recorded as “diagnoses” or “problems.”)

V15 Other personal history presenting hazards to health
   V15.52 Personal history of traumatic brain injury

V40 Mental and behavioral problems
   V40.0 Problems with learning
   V40.1 Problems with communication (including speech)
   V40.2 Other mental problems
   V40.3 Other behavioral problems
   V40.9 Unspecified mental or behavioral problems

V41 Problems with special senses and other special functions
   V41.0 Problems with sight
   V41.0 Other eye problems
   V41.2 Problems with hearing
   V41.3 Other ear problems
   V41.4 Problems with voice production
   V41.6 Problems with swallowing and mastication

V44 Artificial opening status
   Excludes artificial openings requiring attention or management (V55.0-V55.9)
   V44.0 Tracheostomy
V44.8 Other artificial opening status

V49.85 Dual-sensory impairment (this code will be useful when testing reveals both hearing and vision loss)

V52 Fitting and adjustment of prosthetic device
  V52.8 Other specified prosthetic device
  V52.9 Unspecified prosthetic device

V53 Fitting and adjustment of other device
  V53.2 Hearing aid

V57 Care involving use of rehabilitation procedures
  V57.0 Breathing exercises
  V57.3 Speech-language therapy
  V57.8 Other specified rehabilitation procedure
  V57.9 Unspecified rehabilitation procedure

V58 Encounter for other and unspecified procedures
  V58.1 Chemotherapy

V67 Follow-up examination
  Includes: surveillance only following treatment

V68 Encounters for administrative purposes
  V68.01 Disability examination
  V68.2 Request for expert evidence
  V68.8 Other specified administrative purpose
    V68.81 Referral of patient without examination or treatment
    V68.89 Other

V72 Special investigations and examinations
  Includes: routine examination of specific system
    V72.1 Examination of ears and hearing
      V72.11 Encounter for hearing exam following failed hearing screening
      V72.12 Encounter for hearing conservation and treatment
      V72.19 Other exam of ears and hearing

V79 Special screening for mental disorders and other developmental handicaps
  V79.2 Mental retardation
  V79.3 Developmental handicaps in early childhood
  V79.8 Other specified mental disorders and developmental handicaps
  V79.9 Unspecified mental disorder and developmental handicap

V80 Special screening for neurological, eye, and ear diseases
  V80.1 Neurological conditions
    V80.01 Traumatic brain injury
    V80.09 Other neurological conditions
  V80.3 Ear diseases
    Excludes: general hearing exam (V72.1)
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Procedures

Volume 3 contains tabular lists of 16 categories of operations or procedures.

**Tab. List 4 - Operations on the Ear**
20.3 Diagnostic procedures on middle and inner ear
   20.31 Electrocochleography

**Tab. List 6 - Operations on the respiratory system**
31 Other operations on larynx and trachea
   31.4 Diagnostic procedures on larynx and trachea
      31.42 Laryngoscopy and other tracheoscopy
      31.48 Other diagnostic procedure on larynx
   31.9 Other operation on larynx and trachea
      *31.95 Tracheoesophageal fistulization

**Tab. List 16 - Miscellaneous. Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures**
87 Diagnostic Radiology
   87.6 Other X-ray of digestive system
      87.61 Barium swallow

93 Physical therapy, respiration therapy, rehabilitation, and related procedures
   93.7 Speech and reading rehabilitation and rehabilitation of the blind
      93.71 Dyslexia training
      93.72 Dysphasia training
      93.73 Esophageal speech training
      93.74 Speech defect training
      93.75 Other speech training and therapy
      93.78 Other rehabilitation for the blind
      93.89 Rehabilitation, not elsewhere classified

94 Procedures related to the psyche
   94.0 Psychologic evaluation and testing
      94.01 Administration of intelligence test
      94.02 Administration of psychologic test
   94.5 Referral for psychologic rehabilitation

*New ICD code

95 Ophthalmologic and otologic diagnosis and treatment
   95.4 Nonoperative procedures related to hearing
      95.41 Audiometry
         Bekesy 5-tone audiometry
         Impedance audiometry
         Stapedial reflex response
         Subjective audiometry
         Tympanogram
95.42 Clinical test of hearing
   Tuning fork test
   Whispered speech test
95.43 Audiological evaluation
   Audiological evaluation by:
   Barany noise machine
   Blindfold test
   Delayed feedback
   Masking
   Weber lateralization
95.44 Clinical vestibular function tests
95.46 Other auditory and vestibular function tests
95.47 Hearing examination, not otherwise specified
95.48 Fitting of hearing aid
   Excludes: implantation of electromagnetic hearing aid (20.95)
95.49 Other nonoperative procedures related to hearing

97 Replacement and removal of therapeutic appliances
97.3 Nonoperative removal of therapeutic device from head and neck
Coding Normal Results Questions and Answers

Many third party payers will not reimburse for audiology or speech-language pathology services when the results of an evaluation are reported simply as within normal limits. This column describes how to use *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Edition, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) codes when normal results are found and provides examples for major communication and related complaints that prompt the referral.

What if a speech-language pathologist or audiologist performs diagnostic testing that produces a normal result?

The signs and symptoms, chief complaint, or reason(s) for the encounter should be reported as the primary diagnosis. The audiologist or speech-language pathologist should also use additional codes that describe any co-existing or chronic conditions. Do not code conditions that were previously treated and no longer exist, although history codes may be used as secondary codes if the historical condition or family history has an impact on current care or influences treatment.

Are any instructions available on how to code when the results of an audiology or a speech-language assessment are normal?

The *ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting* became effective on October 1, 2003. A description of how to report an uncertain diagnosis is found on page 48: “If the diagnosis documented at the time of discharge is qualified as ‘probable’, ‘suspected’, ‘likely’, ‘questionable’, ‘possible’, or ‘still to be ruled out’, code the condition as if it existed or was established. The bases for these guidelines are the diagnostic workup, arrangements for further workup or observation, and initial therapeutic approach that correspond most closely with the established diagnosis.” The *Official Guidelines* are available at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd9/icdguide.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd9/icdguide.pdf).

Has Medicare issued any instructions?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued ICD-9-CM Coding Guidelines for Diagnostic Tests in a Program Memorandum dated September 26, 2001 (Transmittal AB-01-144, Change Request 1724). This PM (now §10.1 of Chapter 23 of *Medicare Claims Manual*) directs practitioners to report diagnoses based on test results. In Section B., Instructions to Determine the Reason for the Test, CMS states that the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) required referring physicians to provide diagnostic information to the testing entity at the time the test is ordered. All diagnostic tests paid by CMS must be ordered by the physician who is treating the beneficiary. If the physician does not provide diagnostic information, and is unavailable to provide such information, it is appropriate to obtain the information directly from the patient or the patient’s medical record. However, an attempt should be made to confirm any information obtained by the patient by contacting the referring physician.
Attachment

Can you provide examples of signs and symptoms for voice disorders?

(The complaint is listed in the first row and the corresponding ICD-9-CM code and disease, disorder or condition descriptor is in the second row. Many of the codes are from the Symptom, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions section [780-799] of the ICD-9-CM manual.)

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<td>784.49 Voice disturbance, Other: Change in voice, Dysphonia, Hoarseness, Hypernasality</td>
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<td>Breathy voice</td>
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<td>High pitch; low pitch</td>
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<td>Problems with voice production</td>
<td>784.40 Voice disturbance, unspecified or 784.41 Aphonia, loss of voice</td>
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<td>Voice disturbance</td>
<td>784.40 Voice disturbance, unspecified</td>
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<td>Voicing errors</td>
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Can you provide examples of signs and symptoms for swallowing disorders?

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<td>History of aspiration or aspiration pneumonia</td>
<td>507.0 Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food or vomitus</td>
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<td>Problems with swallowing or mastication</td>
<td>787.2 Dysphagia</td>
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<td>Cough</td>
<td>786.2 Cough</td>
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<td>Esophageal reflux</td>
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<td>Facial weakness</td>
<td>781.94 Facial weakness</td>
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<td>Feeding difficulty</td>
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Can you provide examples of signs or symptoms associated with aphasia or other expressive/receptive language disorders?

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<td>Unintelligible speech</td>
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<td>Difficulty understanding spoken language</td>
<td>784.3 Aphasia</td>
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<td>Difficulty understanding written language</td>
<td>784.61 Alexia and dyslexia: Alexia (with agraphia)</td>
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<td>Difficulty reading/writing</td>
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<td>Difficulty remembering words</td>
<td>784.3 or 310.8 Mild memory disturbance due to organic brain damage</td>
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<td>Difficulty expressing thoughts</td>
<td>784.3 or 310.8</td>
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<td>Difficulty remembering tasks</td>
<td>310.1 or 310.8</td>
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<td>Cognitive deficits</td>
<td>784.60 Symbolic dysfunction, unspecified</td>
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<td>Word retrieval difficulties</td>
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<td>Difficulty with word meaning</td>
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The above lists are useful to audiologists as well. Do you have other examples of signs and symptoms that will be useful to audiologists?

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<td>Ear pain</td>
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<td>Aural fullness</td>
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<td>Delayed speech and language development</td>
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<td>Articulation errors</td>
<td>315.39 or 783.42</td>
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<td>History of noise exposure</td>
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Where can I obtain a list of the ICD-9-CM codes for audiologists and speech-language pathologists?

The complete ICD-9-CM is available in medical libraries, medical center billing offices, or may be purchased online at [www.ingenix.com](http://www.ingenix.com).

Questions about coding can be sent to reimbursement@asha.org.
Code to the Highest Degree of Specificity

Clinicians who must select ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes should use codes that provide the highest degree of accuracy and completeness, or the greatest specificity. That usually means providing an ICD-9-CM code carried to the 5th digit. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require all Medicare practitioners (as do most private payers) to use ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes with the highest specificity as requested by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). For example, clinicians using code 784.6 (symbolic dysfunction) to describe language/cognitive impairments of an organic nature may have this code rejected. Because this code category has 5th digit subclassifications, the most appropriate subclassifications should be selected. This might be 784.60 (symbolic dysfunction, unspecified), 784.61 (alexia and dyslexia) or 784.69 (other; acalculia, agnosia, agraphia, apraxia). Code 784.69 is intended to include multiple diagnoses, some of which may differ significantly, according to David Berglund, MD, MPH, at the National Center for Health Statistics/Centers for Disease Control, but it provides the highest level of specificity in that category and therefore should be used instead of 784.6. Keep in mind that 784.60, 784.61, and 784.69 are subclassifications of 784.6, so when you use those codes, you are not excluding 784.6.

Following the specificity rule, therefore, assign 3 digit codes when there are no 4 digit codes within the category. (So far, only one 3-digit code relevant for ASHA members has been found, 931—foreign body in ear.) Assign 4 digit codes if there is no 5th digit subclassification for that category. Assign the 5th digit subclassification code for those categories where it exists.

Providers should also be aware that codes marked NOS (not otherwise specified) or “unspecified” indicate that there is insufficient information in the medical record to assign a more specific code. NEC (not elsewhere classifiable) means that ICD-9-CM does not have a code that describes the condition.