

# ICD-10CM/PCS

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## Quick Glance

On June 22, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced in an email blast press release that the 100 day countdown to ICD-10 implementation has begun. The CMS website is full of resources, including a [Quick Start Guide](#) and an [ICD-10 Issue Reporting System](#).

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## Coding Snapshot

**Chief Complaint** • Watery diarrhea, fever, and vomiting for 2 days.

**History** • 33 month old female presents as new patient with severe dehydration after 2 days of watery diarrhea, fever and vomiting with no indication of nausea. Child holds onto stomach and is crying but makes no tears. Child unimmunized for all vaccines per mother. Child noted to have reduced urine output per mother. Symptoms started after a visit to the pool with her cousins. Mother thinks daughter swallowed pool water multiple times.

**Exam** • Apparent acute distress. Appears dehydrated. Child is holding her abdomen. • Vitals: T 100.1, R 36, P 135 BP 90/55. BS hyperactive times four quadrants. The abdomen is distended and diffusely tender to palpation. No rebound tenderness, masses. • Dry mouth and tongue, membranes pale. Skin dry with poor skin turgor. Capillary refill is >3 seconds.

**Assessment and Plan** • Unvaccinated status a concern. Will address with family after this acute episode is over. • Rotavirus likely. Order rotavirus with EIA and RT-PCR, electrolyte panel. • Patient requires IV hydration. Send to hospital for IV fluids and observation. Admission orders called in.

**Summary of ICD-10-CM Impacts**

**Clinical Documentation**

- Code the symptoms of diarrhea, fever, dehydration, dry mouth, and vomiting. Determine if the patient has nausea and document accordingly since there are codes to differentiate nausea and vomiting, and/or if there is the presence of vomiting without nausea.
- Determine why the patient is not vaccinated and document accordingly. It is important to identify the reason(s) since there are multiple codes available to explain why immunizations haven't been administered. Because this is a significant public health issue, ICD-10-CM has addressed the collection of this information by providing multiple coding explanations as to why a child has not been immunized. In this scenario, Z28.3 Under-immunization status is the most appropriate code as it represents delinquent in immunizations.

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes		ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes	
787.91	Diarrhea	R19.7	Diarrhea, unspecified
780.60	Fever, unspecified	R50.9	Fever, unspecified
787.03	Vomiting alone	R11.11	Vomiting without nausea
276.51	Dehydration	E86.0	Dehydration
789.67	Abdominal tenderness, generalized	R10.817	Generalized abdominal tenderness
V64.00	No vaccination, not otherwise specified	Z28.3	Under-immunization status

## FREE RESOURCES TO EASE TRANSITION

Healthcare providers/facilities have four months until the big implementation day, and there is still much more to do to prepare. FYI: there are a multitude of free resources available to assist in these final months

### Resources for Providers

- The American Medical Association (AMA) offers many resources for both members and non-members to assist in the transition to ICD-10. Access to free educational resources covering topics such as the revised CMS-1500 claim form, a 12-step transition plan to ICD-10, and other helpful topics, are available to anyone who fills out a simple form on their web page.
- CMS has resources for providers. Their site, Road to 10, is ideal for the small physician practice needing preparation tools. This site provides information from providers for providers, including specialty-specific resources and a customizable action plan.
- AHIMA has a dedicated web page for provider resources. Documentation improvement tools, implementation tools, and training opportunities can all be found on the ICD-10 for Physicians & Clinicians.