Attachment 5

Side-by-Side Comparison of ICD-9 and ICD-10 Medical Coding

Healthcare Coding and Death Review:
Implications of the ICD-10-CM Coding Regime

In 2013* ICD-10-CM is slated to replace ICD-9-CM as the US healthcare industry's means of describing disease and injury. ICD-9-CM has been in use since 1979, but proved to be increasingly limited in its application in modern healthcare. To that end ICD-10-CM was developed by the World Health Organization to provide a more systematic and specific approach to disease classification. The ICD-10-CM therefore represents not an updating of ICD-9-CM, but a fundamental rethinking of the coding system. There are nearly five times as many codes in ICD-10-CM than ICD-9-CM and less than 5% of the codes remained exactly the same.

The growth in the number of codes is due to the level of specificity demanded by ICD-10-CM. This specificity, in turn, means that patient records will begin to capture significantly larger amounts of information about their health care encounters. As medical examiners begin to use ICD-10-CM codes, death records will become a much richer source of information about child deaths in Florida.

ICD-9-CM	ICD-10-CM
Total diagnosis codes: 14,300	Total diagnosis codes: 69,000
Number of codes describing fracture of the radius: 33	Number of codes describing fracture of the radius: 1,818
Little information on location of injury.	Explicit laterality (specificity regarding right and left side of body and specific body region)
Code 7580: "*Down's Syndrome*"	Code Q921 (one of 9 codes describing Down's Syndrome): "*Whole chromosome trisomy, mosaicism (mitotic nondisjunction)*" -
1 code for late effects of injury or assault	51 codes for late effects of injury or assault

995.52 "*Child neglect (nutritional)*"
 995.59 "*Other forms of abuse and neglect*"
	T74.01 "*Child neglect or abandonment – **confirmed***"
	     T74.01XA – First encounter
	     T74.01XD – Subsequent encounter
	     T74.01XS – Sequela (after effects)
	
	 T76.02 "*Child neglect or abandonment – **suspected***"
	     T76.01XA – First encounter
	     T76.01XD – Subsequent encounter
	     T76.01XS – Sequela (after effects)

* Implementation has since been indefinitely delayed.

**Differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10 are so significant that no ICD-9 code can be said to have an "equivalent" code in ICD-10.