

## ICD-10 Codes Utilized by Audiologists

### Introduction

Beginning with the first claim filed to all payers on or after **October 1, 2015**, the ICD-10 codes must be utilized in box 21 A-L on the CMS 1500 claim form. Claims containing ICD-9 codes will be rejected as of October 1, 2015. ICD-9's can be utilized on or before September 30, 2015.

Members are encouraged to purchase an ICD-10 codebook as there are many exceptions within this new coding system. The codes listed here are merely to be used in common coding situations; the entire list can be found in Chapter 8, [Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process](#).

To understand the ICD-10 Code Structure, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services offers this:

ICD-10 diagnosis codes have between 3 and 7 characters:



- Codes with three characters are included in ICD-10-CM as the heading of a category of codes that may be further subdivided by the use of any or all of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> characters. Digits 4-6 provide greater detail of etiology, anatomical site, and severity. A code using only the first three digits is to be used only if it is not further subdivided.
- A code is invalid if it has not been coded to the full number of characters required. This does not mean that all ICD-10 codes must have 7 characters. The 7<sup>th</sup> character is only used in certain chapters to provide data about the characteristic of the encounter.

Most ICD-10 audiology codes are 3-5 digits. As found in the ICD-9 coding system, there is no code for normal hearing acuity.

Several changes in audiology codes are notable in the transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM including the following:

- Conductive hearing loss codes are not defined by their physical location (tympanic membrane, middle ear, etc.)
- Unilateral hearing loss codes suggest normal hearing thresholds “with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side”
- Tinnitus no longer is defined as subjective or objective
- There is no distinction between sensory and neural hearing loss, it is sensorineural hearing loss

- NEC and NOS are included in this coding system. NEC is “not elsewhere classified,” indicating that the patient record’s indicates information for which a code does not exist, and NOS is “not otherwise specified,” indicating that the information in the patient’s record is insufficient for greater specificity and should be avoided.

## **EXCEPTIONS**

Most of the audiology codes have the final character of “1” to indicate the right ear, “2” left ear, “3” as bilateral and “0” and “9” are unspecified. The following are exceptions:

**H90.0** Bilateral conductive hearing loss

**H90.11 or H90.12** Unilateral Conductive hearing loss

**H90.3** Bilateral sensorineural hearing loss

**H90.41 or H90.42** Unilateral sensorineural hearing loss

**H90.6** Bilateral mixed hearing loss

**H90.71 or H90.72** Unilateral mixed hearing loss

## **Other disorders of ear (H90-H94)**

### **H90 Conductive and Sensorineural Hearing Loss**

**H90.0** Conductive hearing loss, bilateral

**H90.1** Conductive hearing loss, unilateral, with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.11** CHL, unilateral, right ear, with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.12** CHL, unilateral, left ear, with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.2** CHL, unspecified

**H90.3** SNHL, bilateral

**H90.4** SNHL, unilateral with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.41** SNHL, unilateral, right ear, with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.42** SNHL, unilateral, left ear, with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.5** Unspecified SNHL (Central HL, Congenital deafness, Neural HL, Perceptive HL, Sensorineural deafness and sensory HL Not Otherwise Specified)

**H90.6** Mixed conductive and SNHL, bilateral

**H90.7** Mixed CHL and SNHL, unilateral with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.71** Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, unilateral, right ear, with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.72** Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, unilateral, left ear, with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side

**H90.8** Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, unspecified

**H91.8** Other specified hearing loss

**H91.8X** Other specified hearing loss

**H91.8X1** Other specified hearing loss, right ear

**H91.8X2** Other specified hearing loss, left ear

**H91.8X3** Other specified hearing loss, bilateral

**H91.8X9** Other specified hearing loss, unspecified ear

### **H91 Other and unspecified hearing loss**

**H91.0** Ototoxic hearing loss (code the hearing loss first and the poisoning due to drug or toxin, if applicable with T36-T65 with fifth or sixth character 1-4 or 6) second. (Use additional code for adverse effect, if applicable, to identify drug, with fifth or sixth character 5)

**H91.01** Ototoxic hearing loss, right ear

**H91.02** Ototoxic hearing loss, left ear

**H91.03** Ototoxic hearing loss, bilateral

**H91.09** Ototoxic hearing loss, unspecified ear

**H91.1** Presbycusis

**H91.10** Presbycusis, unspecified ear

**H91.11** Presbycusis, right ear

**H91.12** Presbycusis, left ear

**H91.13** Presbycusis, bilateral

**H91.2** Sudden idiopathic hearing loss

**H91.20** Sudden idiopathic hearing loss, unspecified ear

**H91.21** Sudden idiopathic hearing loss, right ear

**H91.22** Sudden idiopathic hearing loss, left ear

**H91.23** Sudden idiopathic hearing loss, bilateral

## **Tinnitus**

### **H93.1** Tinnitus

**H93.11** Tinnitus, right ear

**H93.12** Tinnitus, left ear

**H93.13** Tinnitus, bilateral

**H93.19** Tinnitus, unspecified ear

## **Other abnormal auditory perceptions**

### **H93.2** Other abnormal auditory perceptions

**H93.21** Auditory recruitment

**H93.211** Auditory recruitment, right ear

**H93.212** Auditory recruitment, left ear

**H93.213** Auditory recruitment, bilateral

**H93.219** Auditory recruitment, unspecified ear

### **H93.22** Diplacusis

**H93.221** Diplacusis, right ear

**H93.222** Diplacusis, left ear

**H93.223** Diplacusis, bilateral

**H93.229** Diplacusis, unspecified ear

### **H93.23** Hyperacusis

**H93.231** Hyperacusis, right ear

**H93.232** Hyperacusis, left ear

**H93.233** Hyperacusis, bilateral

**H93.239** Hyperacusis, unspecified ear

**H93.24** Temporary auditory threshold shift

**H93.25** Central auditory processing disorder

**H93.29** Other abnormal auditory perceptions

**H93.291** Other abnormal auditory perceptions, right ear

**H93.292** Other abnormal auditory perceptions, left ear

**H93.293** Other abnormal auditory perceptions, bilateral

**H93.299** Other abnormal auditory perceptions, unspecified ear

### **Disorders of vestibular dysfunction**

**H81** Disorders of vestibular dysfunction

**H81.0** Ménière's disease

**H81.01** Ménière's disease, right ear

**H81.02** Ménière's disease, left ear

**H81.03** Ménière's disease, bilateral

**H81.09** Ménière's disease, unspecified ear

**H81.1** Benign paroxysmal vertigo

**H81.10** Benign paroxysmal vertigo, unspecified ear

**H81.11** Benign paroxysmal vertigo, right ear

**H81.12** Benign paroxysmal vertigo, left ear

**H81.13** Benign paroxysmal vertigo, bilateral

**H 81.4** Central vertigo

**H81.8** Other disorders of vestibular function

**H81.8X** Other disorders of vestibular function

**H81.8X1** Other disorders of vestibular function, right ear

**H81.8X2** Other disorders of vestibular function, left ear

**H81.8X3** Other disorders of vestibular function, bilateral

**H81.8X9** Other disorders of vestibular function, unspecified ear

**H82** Vertiginous syndromes classified elsewhere

**H83.0** Labyrinthitis

**H83.1** Labyrinthine fistula

**Other diseases of inner ear**

**H83.3** Noise effects on inner ear

**H83.3X** Noise effects on inner ear

**H83.3X1** Noise effects on right inner ear

**H83.3X2** Noise effects on left inner ear

**H83.3X3** Noise effects on inner ear, bilateral

**H83.3X9** Noise effects on inner ear, unspecified ear

**Cerumen**

**H61.2** Impacted cerumen

**H61.20** Impacted cerumen, unspecified ear

**H61.21** Impacted cerumen, right ear

**H61.22** Impacted cerumen, left ear

**H61.23** Impacted cerumen, bilateral

**Dizziness, auditory hallucinations and abnormal results**

**R42** Dizziness and giddiness

**R44.0** Auditory hallucinations

**R94.12** Abnormal results of function studies of ear and other special senses

**R94.120** Abnormal auditory function study

**R94.121** Abnormal vestibular function study

**R94.122** Abnormal results of other function studies of the ear and other special senses

**T36 POISONING BY, ADVERSE EFFECTS OF AND UNDERDOSING OF DRUGS, MEDICAMENTS AND BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCES (T36-T50)**

\*Code hearing loss first and second, the adverse effects, and the nature of the adverse effect. The drug that results in hearing or balance effects should be identified by use of the codes with the 5<sup>th</sup> character. In addition, a 7<sup>th</sup> character of "D" will indicate that the patient has received active treatment and receiving routine care.

**T36.3** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of macrolides

**T36.3X** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of macrolides

**T36.3X5** Adverse effects of macrolides

**T36.5** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of aminoglycosides

**T36.5X** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of aminoglycosides

**T36.5X4** Poisoning by aminoglycosides, undetermined

**T36.5X5** Adverse effect of aminoglycosides

**T39.0** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of salicylates

**T39.01** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of aspirin

**T39.015** Adverse effect of aspirin

**T39.09** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of other salicylates

**T39.095** Adverse effect of salicylates

**T39.3** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID)

**T39.31** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of propionic acid derivatives (includes fenopfen, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, naproxen oxaprozin)

**T39.315** Adverse effect of proprionic acid derivatives

**T39.39** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID)

**T39.395** Adverse effect of other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID)

**T40.3** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of methadone

**T40.3X** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of methadone

**T40.3X5** Adverse effect of methadone

**T45.1** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of anti-neoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs

**T45.1X** Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of anti-neoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs

**T45.1X5** Adverse effect of anti-neoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs

**T52** Toxic effect or organic solvents

**T52.1** Toxic effect of benzene

**T52.1X** Toxic effects of benzene

**T52.1X1** Toxic effect of benzene, accidental (unintentional)

**T52.1X2** Toxic effect of benzene, intentional self-harm

**T52.1X3** Toxic effect of benzene, assault

**T52.1X4** Toxic effect of benzene, undetermined

**T52.2** Toxic effects of homologues of benzene (toluene and xylene)

**T52.2X** Toxic effect of homologues of benzene

**T52.2X1** Toxic effect of homologues of benzene, accidental (unintentional)

**T52.2X2** Toxic effect of homologues of benzene, intentional self-harm

**T52.2X3** Toxic effect of homologues of benzene, assault

**T52.2X4** Toxic effect of homologues of benzene, undetermined

**T52.8** Toxic effects of other organic solvents

**T52.8X** Toxic effects of other organic solvents

**T52.8X1** Toxic effect of other organic solvents, accidental (unintentional)

**T52.8X2** Toxic effect of other organic solvents, intentional self-harm

**T52.8X3** Toxic effect of other organic solvents, assault

**T52.8X4** Toxic effect of other organic solvents, undetermined

**T52.9** Toxic effects of unspecified organic solvent

**T52.91** Toxic effect of unspecified organic solvent, accidental (unintentional)

**T52.92** Toxic effect of unspecified organic solvent, intentional self-harm

**T52.93** Toxic effect of unspecified organic solvent, assault

**T52.94** Toxic effect of unspecified organic solvent, undetermined

**T56** Toxic effect of metals

**T56.0** Toxic effects of lead and its compounds

**T56.0X** Toxic effects of lead and its compounds

**T56.0X1** Toxic effects of lead and its compounds, accidental (unintentional)

**T56.0X2** Toxic effects of lead and its compounds intentional self-harm

**T56.0X3** Toxic effects of lead and its compounds, assault

**T56.0X4** Toxic effects of lead and its compounds, undetermined

**T56.1** Toxic effects of mercury and its compounds

**T56.1X** Toxic effects of mercury and its compounds

**T56.1X1** Toxic effects of mercury and its compounds, accidental (unintentional)

**T56.1X2** Toxic effects of mercury and its compounds, intentional self-harm

**T56.1X3** Toxic effect of mercury and its compounds, assault

**T56.1X4** Toxic effect of mercury and its compounds, undetermined

**T56.8** Toxic effects of other metals

**T56.89** Toxic effects of other metals

**T56.891** Toxic effect of other metals, accidental (unintentional)

**T56.892** Toxic effect of other metals, intentional self-harm

**T56.893** Toxic effect of other metals, assault

**T56.894** Toxic effect of other metals, undetermined

**T56.9** Toxic effects of unspecified metal

**T56.91** Toxic effect of unspecified metal, accidental (unintentional)

**T56.92** Toxic effect of unspecified metal, intentional self-harm

**T56.93** Toxic effect of unspecified metal, assault

**T56.94** Toxic effects of unspecified metal, undetermined

**T57.0** Toxic effect of arsenic and its compounds

**T57.0X** Toxic effect of arsenic and its compounds

**T57.0X1** Toxic effect of arsenic and its compounds, accidental (unintentional)

**T57.0X2** Toxic effect of arsenic and its compounds, intentional self-harm

**T57.0X3** Toxic effect of arsenic and its compounds, assault

**T57.0X4** Toxic effect of arsenic and its compounds, undetermined

**T57.2** Toxic effect of manganese and its compounds

**T57.2X** Toxic effect of manganese and its compounds

**T57.2X1** Toxic effect of manganese and its compounds, accidental (unintentional)

**T57.2X2** Toxic effect of manganese and its compounds, intentional self-harm

**T57.2X3** Toxic effect of manganese and its compounds, assault

**T57.2X4** Toxic effect of manganese and its compounds, undetermined

**T58** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide

**T58.0** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from motor vehicle exhaust

**T58.01** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from motor vehicle exhaust, accidental (unintentional)

**T58.02** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from motor vehicle exhaust, intentional self-harm

**T58.03** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from motor vehicle exhaust, assault

**T58.04** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from motor vehicle exhaust, undetermined

**T58.1** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from utility gas

**T58.11** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from utility gas, accidental (unintentional)

**T58.12** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from utility gas, intentional self-harm

**T58.13** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from utility gas, assault

**T58.14** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from utility gas, undetermined

**T58.2** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from incomplete combustion of other domestic fuels

**T58.2X** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from incomplete combustion of other domestic fuels

**T58.2X1** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from incomplete combustion of other domestic fuels, accidental (unintentional)

**T58.2X2** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from incomplete combustion of other domestic fuels, intentional self-harm

**T58.2X3** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from incomplete combustion of other domestic fuels, assault

**T58.2X4** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from incomplete combustion of other domestic fuels, undetermined

**T58.8** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from other source

**T58.8X** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from other source

**T58.8X1** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from other source, accidental (unintentional)

**T58.8X2** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from other source, intentional self-harm

**T58.8X3** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from other source, assault

**T58.8X4** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from other source, undetermined

**T58.9** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from unspecified source

**T58.91** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from unspecified source, accidental (unintentional)

**T58.92** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from unspecified source, intentional self-harm

**T58.93** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from unspecified source, assault

**T58.94** Toxic effect of carbon monoxide from unspecified source, undetermined

**T59** Toxic effect of other gases, fumes and vapors (includes aerosol propellants)

**The following codes which can be used in conjunction with the hearing loss procedure codes and/or the ototoxicity codes. For specific information, visit:**

**A40-A41.9** Streptococcal and other sepsis

**A49-A49.9** Bacterial infection of unspecified site

**B50-B54** Plasmodium falciparum malaria and other malaria codes)

**B95-B95.8** Streptococcus, Staphylococcus, and Enterococcus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere. Includes staphylococcus aureus and MRSA

**B99-B99.9** Other and unspecified infectious diseases

**C00-C14.8** Malignant neoplasms

**C30-C39** Malignant neoplasms of respiratory and intrathoracic organs, including head and neck and lung

**C34-C34.92** Malignant neoplasms of bronchus and lung

**C43.2-C43.4** Melanoma and other malignant neoplasms of skin

**C4A.2-C4A.4** Merkel cell carcinoma of eye, external auricular canal, parts of face, scalp and neck

**C44.2-C44.49** Other and unspecified malignant neoplasm of skin of ear and external auricular canal, face, scalp and neck

**C47.0** Malignant neoplasm of head, face and neck

**C49.0** Malignant neoplasm of connective and soft tissue of head, face and neck

**C50-C50.929** Malignant neoplasm of breast

**C51-C58** Malignant neoplasms of female genital organs

**C60-C63.9** Malignant neoplasms of male genital organs

**C64-C68.9** Malignant neoplasms of urinary tract

**C71-C71.9** Malignant neoplasms of brain and other parts of central nervous system

**C72.4-C72.59** Malignant neoplasm of acoustic nerve and unspecified cranial nerves

**C79-C79.89** Secondary Malignant neoplasm of other and unspecified sites

**D00-D00.1** Carcinoma in situ of oral cavity, esophagus and stomach

**D02-D02.4** Carcinoma in situ of middle ear and respiratory system

**D03-D03.4** Melanoma in situ of lip, eyelid, external ear canal and scalp and neck

**D03.52** Melanoma in situ of breast (skin) (soft tissue)

**D04.2-D04.22** Carcinoma in situ of skin of ear and external auricular canal

**D05-D09.9** Carcinoma in situ of breast

**D10-D11.9** Benign neoplasm of mouth and pharynx

**D14-D14.4** Benign neoplasm of middle ear and respiratory system

**D17-D17.0** Benign lipomatous neoplasm and of head, face and neck

**D37.0-D37.09** Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of oral cavity and pharynx

**D38-D38.0** Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of middle ear and respiratory and intrathoracic organs  
**D39-D41.9** Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of female genital organs, male organs and urinary organs  
**D42-D42.9** Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of meninges  
**D43-D43.9** Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of brain and central nervous system  
**D48.6-D48.62** Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of breast  
**D49.3-D49.6** Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of breast, bladder, outer genitourinary organs and brain

**FACTORS INFLUENCING HEALTH STATUS AND CONTACT WITH HEALTH SERVICES (Z00-Z99)**

Z codes are supplemental codes and represent reasons for an encounter and must be reported with a procedure, if performed.

**Z01.1** Encounter for examination of ears and hearing

**Z01.10** Encounter for examination of ears and hearing without abnormal findings

**Z01.11** Encounter for examination of ears and hearing with abnormal findings

**Z01.110** Encounter for hearing examination following failed hearing screening

**Z01.118** Encounter for examination of ears and hearing with other abnormal findings  
(use additional code to identify abnormal findings)

**Z01.12** Encounter for hearing conservation and treatment

**Z02** Encounter for administrative examination

**Z02.1** Encounter for examination for admission to educational institution

**Z02.2** Encounter for pre-employment examination

**Z02.3** Encounter for examination for recruitment to armed services

**Z02.71** Encounter for disability determination

**Z03** Encounter for screening for other diseases and disorders

**Z13.5** Encounter for screening for eye and ear disorders

**Z13.850** Encounter for screening for traumatic brain injury

**Z45** Encounter for adjustment and management of implanted device

**Z45.320** Encounter for adjustment and management of bone conduction device

**Z45.321** Encounter for adjustment and management of cochlear device

**Z45.328** Encounter for adjustment and management of other implanted hearing device

**Z46.1** Encounter for fitting and adjustment of hearing aid

**Z57.0** Occupational exposure to noise

**Z71.2** Person consulting for explanation of examination or test findings

**Z76.5** Malingerer (personal feigning illness with obvious motivation)

**Z77.122** Contact with and (suspected) exposure to noise

**Persons with potential health hazards related to family and personal history and certain conditions influencing health status**

**Z79.1** Long term (current) use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAID)

**Z79.82** Long term (current) use of aspirin

**Z83.52** Family history of ear disorders

**Z86.69** Personal history of other diseases of the nervous system and sense organs

**Z96.20** Presence of ontological and audiological implant, unspecified

**Z96.21** Cochlear implant status

**Z96.22** Myringotomy tube(s) status

**Z96.29** Presence of other ontological and audiological implants

**Z97.4** Presence of external hearing aid