

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 4th, 5th, and 6th 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 7th 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 5th character. In addition, a 7th 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 fenoprofen, 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