



THE ROAD TO ICD-10

Unlike ICD-10-CM, PCS is not built upon the existing system, but rather is a complete replacement of ICD-9-CM, Volume 3 procedure classification, which is currently used for inpatient procedural coding.

ICD-9-CM VOLUME 3	ICD-10-PCS
Follows ICD structure for diagnosis coding	Designed specifically for procedural coding
Codes in fixed or finite list form	Codes constructed from values/tables
Codes are numeric	Codes are alpha-numeric
Codes are three to four digits long	All codes are seven characters long

ICD-10 PCS

ICD-10-PCS as with ICD-9 Volume 3 will only apply to inpatient procedural coding. All outpatient procedural coding will be done with CPT-4.

ICD-10-PCS is a significant departure from ICD-9 procedural coding. It will give coders a much greater ability to assign specific codes based solely on the Physician's documentation of services.

PCS will also allow surgeons and hospitals to receive payment for all goods and services delivered in a procedure.

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