

## Insights to Coding and Data Quality

# CMS proposes new ICD-9-CM procedure codes for FY2014

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**A**s part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Proposed Rule process, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published four new proposed ICD-9-CM procedure codes that would become effective **October 1, 2013**. These were presented and discussed at the March, 2013 ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting. Their recommendations were not finalized to be included in the proposed rule; however, it is anticipated these changes will be in the final rule. As part of the partial code freeze for ICD-9-CM and ICD-10, on **October 1, 2013** there will be only limited code updates to both the ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 code sets to capture new technologies and diseases as required by section 503(a) of Pub. L. 108-173.

**New code 00.96** Infusion of 4-Factor Prothrombin Complex Concentrate Infusion of 4F-PCC. Currently this is coded 99.06 Transfusion of coagulation factors. Upon FDA approval, Kcentra™ will be the first and only 4-factor prothrombin complex concentrate that is FDA-approved for rapid warfarin reversal in patients experiencing an acute major bleed. According to the manufacturer, Kcentra™ represents a substantial clinical improvement in the treatment of patients with acute severe bleeding who require immediate reversal of their warfarin therapy by 1) providing a rapid, beneficial resolution of the patient's blood clotting factor deficiency, 2) decreasing the risk of exposure to blood borne pathogens, and 3) reducing the rate of transfusion-associated complications.

### **New subcategory 14.8 Implantation of epiretinal visual prosthesis**

Currently, there are no ICD-9-CM procedure codes that clearly capture the procedures involving the implant of an epiretinal visual prosthesis to restore vision. This procedure is currently being considered for a New Technology Add-on Payment for FY 2014. The Argus® II System consists of an epiretinal implant that is fully implanted in and around the eye, a video camera mounted on a pair of glasses, and a control unit that is worn or carried by the patient. The system provides electrical stimulation of the retina to induce visual perception in blind patients (analogous to a cochlear implant for the restoration of hearing). It is indicated for use in patients with severe to profound retinitis pigmentosa with bare or no light perception in both eyes.

#### **New code 14.81** Implantation of epiretinal visual prosthesis

Note: Includes lens removal, if present, scleral buckling, vitrectomy, epiretinal membrane peeling and pericardial grafting

#### **New code 14.82** Removal of epiretinal visual prosthesis

Includes 360-degree limbal peritomy and vitrectomy, if performed, and device extraction

#### **New code 14.83** Revision of epiretinal visual prosthesis

Includes tack replacement, device relocation, and/or replacement of pericardial grafting, if needed.

To learn more about these new procedure codes, detailed information can be found in the meeting minutes located at

**<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/meetings.html>**.

Also included in these meeting minutes are the proposed updates to International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis codes as well as proposed updates to the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedural Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) code set.

For information on the FY2014 Proposed ICD-9-CM tabular addenda as well as proposed indexing changes, go to

**<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/addendum.html>**.

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