

New ICD-10-CM Code Set Takes Effect October 1

The 2027 ICD-10-CM code set takes effect on October 1.¹ Do not be misled by the “2027” in the title of this code set because it actually becomes effective a full three months before 2027! This new code set has 190 new codes, 30 deleted codes, and four code revisions compared to the 2026 ICD-10-CM code set. Below are some ICD-10-CM changes that may affect podiatrists beginning on October 1.

Plantar Fasciitis

Effective October 1, the ICD-10-CM coding for plantar fasciitis will change. The new codes will be:

- M67.A01 Plantar fasciitis, right foot
- M67.A02 Plantar fasciitis, left foot

Plantar fasciitis will no longer be an “inclusion term” with the M72.2 codes. Furthermore, effective October 1, laterality will be required when coding for plantar fascial fibromatosis with these new codes:

- M72.21 Plantar fascial fibromatosis, right foot
- M72.22 Plantar fascial fibromatosis, left foot

Effective October 1, M72.2 without a fifth character will no longer be a valid ICD-10 code and will no longer represent plantar fasciitis.

Osteomyelitis

The ICD-10-CM code set includes specific diagnosis codes for the following types of osteomyelitis:

- Acute hematogenous osteomyelitis (M86.0-)
- Other acute osteomyelitis (M86.1-)
- Subacute osteomyelitis (M86.2-)
- Chronic multifocal osteomyelitis (M86.3-)
- Chronic osteomyelitis with draining sinus (M86.4-)
- Other chronic hematogenous osteomyelitis (M86.5-)
- Other chronic osteomyelitis (M86.6-)

The code descriptors for all of those above require a fifth character that indicates the anatomic location of the pathology. Only in the rare scenario that the osteomyelitis being managed is not represented by one of the osteomyelitis types listed above, do providers have the option to use M86.8X- codes to represent “Other osteomyelitis.” Prior to the October 1 update, these M86.8X- code descriptors did not include anatomic location. New seventh character options are being added to these M86.8X- codes that allow the identification of anatomic site, such as lower leg and ankle and foot. Some of these new codes for the lower extremity include:

- M86.8X51 Other osteomyelitis, right thigh
- M86.8X52 Other osteomyelitis, left thigh
- M86.8X61 Other osteomyelitis, right lower leg
- M86.8X62 Other osteomyelitis, left lower leg
- M86.8X71 Other osteomyelitis, right ankle and foot
- M86.8X72 Other osteomyelitis, left ankle and foot

Platelet Dysfunction

Platelet dysfunction can play a significant role in different types of lower extremity pathologies and procedures. Prior to October 1, D69.1 (Qualitative platelet defects) was a complete code. Starting on October 1, D69.1 will no longer be a valid ICD-10 code because a fifth character will be required with these new additions to the code set:

- D69.11 – Glanzmann thrombasthenia
- D69.19 - Other qualitative platelet defects

Body Mass Index (BMI)

BMI often contributes to decision making during encounters for lower extremity pathology. When this occurs, it may be appropriate for practitioners to submit coding that represents the BMI. Prior to October 1, Z68.1 (Body mass index [BMI] 19.9 or less, adult) was a complete code. Starting October



1, Z68.1 will no longer be a valid ICD-10 code because a fifth character will be required with these new additions to the code set:

- Z68.18 - Body mass index [BMI] 18.4 or less, adult
- Z68.19 - Body mass index [BMI] 18.5–19.9, adult

C. Difficile

Prior to October 1, the ICD-10-CM code set allowed providers to choose codes that represented a history of tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, malaria, Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infection, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infection, latent tuberculosis infection, COVID-19, and other infectious and parasitic diseases. *Clostridioides difficile* was not included in that list. That changes on October 1, including the introduction of a new code:

- Z86.17 - Personal history of *Clostridioides difficile* infection

When a history of *Clostridioides difficile* infection plays a role in the decision making employed during an encounter, use of this new code should be considered.

These are some of the ICD-10-CM changes taking effect: All providers should use the 2027 ICD-10-CM code set starting of October 1. ➤

Reference

1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. ICD-10-CM FY 2027 Addendum. Released June 2026. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/icd-10-codes>.