Compliance Tools & Resources



Hospice ICD-10 Coding Process Map

The following process map is a suggested method for hospice providers to use to ensure that all steps in the ICD-10 diagnosis coding process are completed.

Intake

Intake receives and reviews referral:

- Initial <u>diagnoses</u> are noted upon intake and may be documented as intake <u>diagnoses</u> (not coded for claim)
- Documents supporting <u>diagnoses</u> and other comorbidities obtained by hospice from referral source, primary care physician, and specialty physicians as applicable
- Information provided to the admitting RN

Assessment

Initial/comprehensive assessment visit is completed by RN and assessment findings and any additional clinical information about comorbidities is reported to the hospice physician.

- RN may need to contact the patient's attending or primary care physician to gain additional clinical information as needed
- Some EMRs may prompt an RN to assign an ICD-10 medical diagnosis code from a prepopulated list.
- **NOTE:** Only a physician can determine a medical diagnosis.



Physician Medical Diagnosis Determination

Hospice physician reviews all clinical information for patient at admission and minimally every 15 days and determines:

- Primary hospice diagnosis
- Other diagnoses that contribute to the terminal prognosis
 - Are there additional **DIAGNOSES** or **SYMPTOMS** that contribute to the 6 month or less prognosis?
- Diagnoses (unrelated) that do not contribute to the terminal prognosis



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- Medical diagnoses determined by hospice physician are forwarded to the hospice designated individual for ICD-10 diagnosis coding.
 - At admission
 - As medical diagnoses change or are added/ deleted



Notice of Election (NOE)

- The hospice provider must file an NOE for the patient within 5 calendar days after the effective date of hospice election
- The NOE must contain the primary hospice diagnosis



Hospice Claim

- Medical diagnoses are entered on the hospice claim form:
 - At admission
 - As medical diagnoses change or are added/ deleted.
- All diagnoses (related and unrelated) must be entered on the hospice claim form