ICD-10-CM Excludes Notes Provider Claim Education

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ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines for Coding and Reporting

Excludes Notes

- Highmark Wholecare follows all coding conventions, including the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines and Reporting.

- Two types of Excludes Notes
  - Excludes 1
  - Excludes 2
  - Independent of each other

Excludes 1

A type 1 Excludes note is a pure excludes note. It means “NOT CODED HERE!” An Excludes1 note indicates that the code excluded should never be used at the same time as the code above the Excludes 1 note.

An Excludes 1 is used when two conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form versus an acquired form of the same condition.

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- **Pain disorders related to psychological factors**
- Assign code F45.41, for pain that is exclusively related to psychological disorders. As indicated by the Excludes 1 note under category G89, a code from category G89 should not be assigned with code F45.41.

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Excludes 2

A type 2 Excludes note represents “Not included here.” An excludes 2 note indicates that the condition excluded is not part of the condition represented by the code, but a patient may have both conditions at the same time.

When an Excludes 2 note appears under a code, it is acceptable to use both the code and the excluded code together, when appropriate.

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Common Denials

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Common Denial – I51

Diagnosis code(s) inappropriately coded

Common Denial – I51

- Data showed primary diagnosis and a secondary diagnosis billed together inappropriately.

- The secondary diagnosis used was an Excludes 1 diagnosis.

Coding Examples

Coding Examples

- Can these codes be billed together?

- **Q10.0**
  - **Excludes1: congenital malformations of eyelid (Q10.0-Q10.3)**

Coding Examples

- Can these codes be billed together?

E83.30

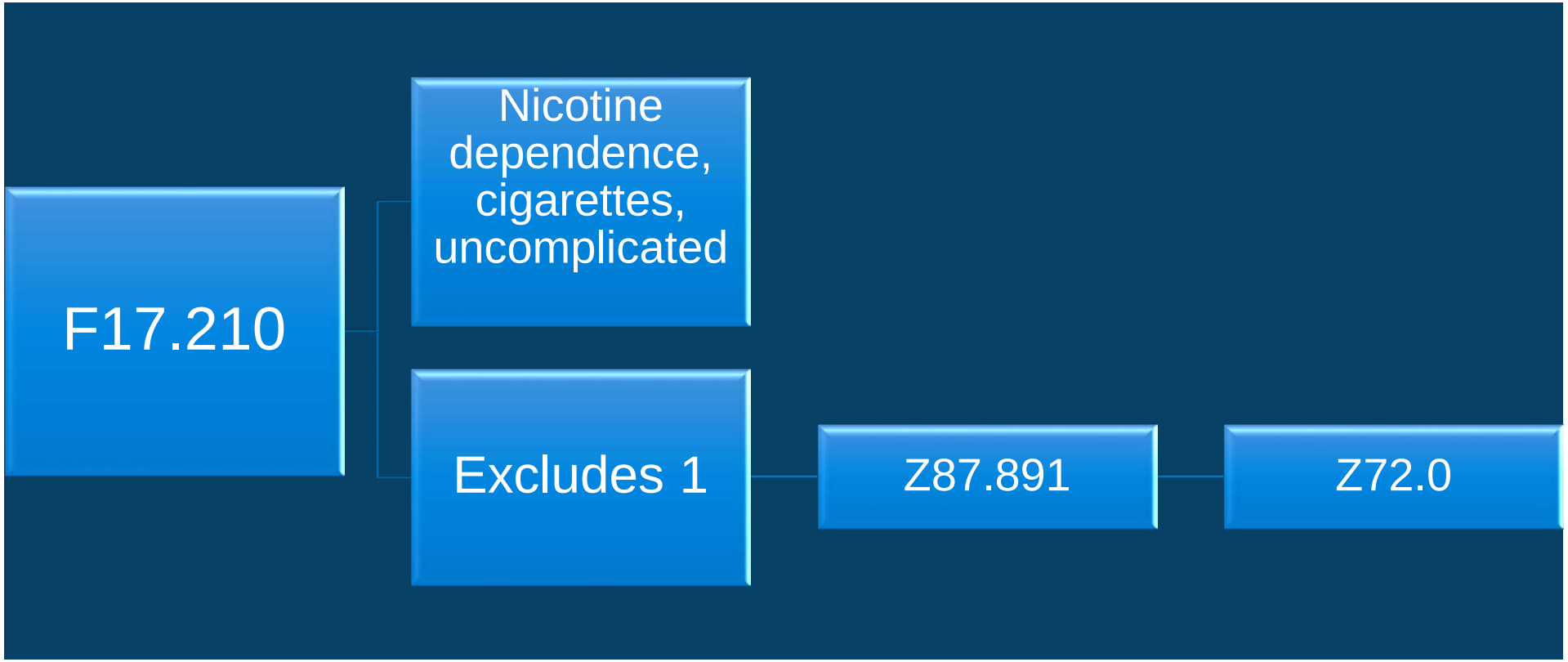
Disorder of phosphorus metabolism, unspecified

E55.9

Excludes1: adult osteomalacia (M83.-)
osteoporosis (M80.-)
Excludes1: dietary mineral deficiency (E58-E61)
parathyroid disorders (E20-E21)
vitamin D deficiency (E55.-)

Coding Examples

Can these codes be billed together?



Coding Examples

- Can these codes be billed together?

Z01.419

Encounter for gynecological examination (general) (routine) without abnormal findings

Excludes 1:

Z08

Z12.4

Coding Examples

- Can these codes be billed together?

I50.20 Systolic (congestive) heart failure

Excludes 1:

Combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure (I50.4-)

Coding Examples

- Can these codes be billed together?

I50.30 Unspecified diastolic (congestive) heart failure

Excludes 1

Combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure (I50.4-)

Coding Examples

- Can these codes be billed together?

Z00.00

Encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings

Z00.121

Excludes 1: Encounter for routine child health examination with abnormal findings

Recommendations

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Recommendations

- Review the ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines
- Code to the highest specificity
- Coders review claims before submitting

Recommendations

- Run a report on common diagnosis denials
- Educate and train
- Provider documentation
- Have an internal edit in place for excludes 1

Thank You

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Sources

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