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Documentation and Coding

# Cancer and Cancer-Related Treatments

One in three people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, according to the **American Cancer Society**. Accurately and completely coding and documenting cancer and cancer-related treatments may help improve member outcomes and continuity of care. Below is information for outpatient and professional services from the **ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting**.

## Coding Cancer and Cancer-Related Treatments

- To properly code a neoplasm, specify if the neoplasm is benign, in situ, malignant or of uncertain histology. Any metastases should be noted.
- All known treatments and complications should be documented.
- A statement of "History of" indicates the condition is resolved. Don't document "History of" for members with active cancer or current treatment.
- A code from Z85.x , Personal history of malignant neoplasm, is appropriate if a primary malignancy has been previously excised or eradicated from its primary site and there is no further treatment.

| Sample ICD-10-CM Codes for Neoplasms | |
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| C00-C96 | Malignant neoplasms |
| D00-D09 | In situ neoplasms |
| D10-D36 | Benign neoplasm |
| D3A | Benign endocrine tumors |
| D37-D48 | Neoplasm of uncertain behavior |
| D49 | Neoplasms of unspecified behavior |
| Z85.0–Z85.9 | Personal history of malignant neoplasm |

## Tips to Consider

- Include patient demographics such as name, date of birth and date of service in all progress notes.
- Document legibly, clearly and concisely.
- Ensure a credentialed provider signs and dates all documents.
- Document how each diagnosis was monitored, evaluated, assessed and/or treated on the date of service.
- Note complications with an appropriate treatment plan.
- Take advantage of the Annual Health Assessment or other yearly preventative exam as an opportunity to capture conditions impacting member care.

## Resources

- **ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting**
- **Chapter 2: Neoplasms (C00-D49)**



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