

MHCC Staff Notes on Feedback for ICD-10 Codes

This spreadsheet includes feedback provided as of January 18, 2018, as shown by highlighted fields that are filled-in. For fields that are highlighted and empty, MHCC staff is expecting feedback from the hospital/health care system assigned. The fields that are filled-in and not highlighted are those that MHCC has concluded how to categorize the code and does not anticipate further discussion or feedback is needed.

For the codes where multiple hospitals/health systems have been assigned, the feedback is shown next to the assigned hospital, instead of filled-in, in order to avoid confusion.

If feedback was provided on whether to count a code as cardiac surgery, the feedback is highlighted (as though the space was blank to begin with and feedback was requested).

The column labeled "ICD-9 Code Category in COMAR 10.24.17" indicates whether the ICD-9 code that corresponds to multiple ICD-10 codes is categorized as Open Heart Surgery, Cardiac Surgery, or both. Open Heart Surgery codes are a subset of Cardiac Surgery. Only the first ICD-10 corresponding code is marked to avoid confusion. The ICD-10 codes have not been specifically assigned to either category in COMAR 10.24.17. The category "Open Heart Surgery" will not be used to label codes in updated regulations. Instead, codes are labeled as cardiac surgery and certain codes will be used to count volume and in the utilization projections, which is the purpose of gathering feedback on the ICD-10 codes.

For Johns Hopkins Hospital (JHH), the physician would reviewed the list noted that many of the ICD10 codes for cardiac surgery that contain "percutaneous approach" are not performed "percutaneously" today and therefore were marked as codes not to count for volume. It was suggested that a better designation would be "non-applicable." MHCC staff has followed up to get a list of these codes and hopefully will be able to provide this at the CSAC meeting on January 23, 2018.

MHCC staff followed up with a representative for UMMS, Dr. Salenger, regarding the possible source of disagreement with JHH on many of the codes. Dr. Salenger noted that the differences of opinion mostly seem to center around the procedures defined as "percutaneous endoscopic" approaches. He suggested that clarification may be needed. He concluded that such procedures include thoracoscopic surgery. MHCC staff has requested additional information from a coding expert.

For codes with Y* or N* in one of the columns, please refer to notes on previous discussion of ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes, which is a separate handout.