

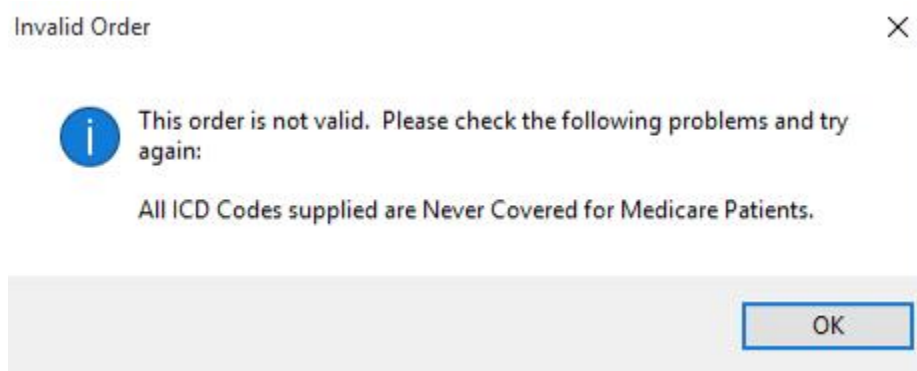
UPDATE: NON-COVERED ICD-10 CODES

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On **November 1, 2017**, a PathConnect software update will take place that will further restrict entry of any non-covered ICD-10 diagnosis codes for Medicare patients.

The purpose of this software update is to minimize the number of non-compliant ICD-10 code errors. The codes included in this update are never covered by Medicare for a diagnostic lab testing service. If a non-covered code is given as the reason for the test, the test may be billed to the Medicare beneficiary without billing Medicare first because the service is not covered by statute. In most instances, the test is performed for screening purposes and is not within an exception.

When a test is ordered in PathConnect and a non-covered ICD-10 code is indicated, a warning will pop-up to indicate that a non-covered ICD-10 code has been entered. The error will need to be corrected before the order can be submitted.



Examples of common ICD-10 codes that are never covered by Medicare for diagnostic lab testing services are:

- R99 Ill-defined and unknown cause of mortality
- Z00.0 Encounter for general adult medical examination
- Z12.13 Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of small intestine
- Z40.09 Encounter for prophylactic removal of other organ

A complete list of the 2017 ICD-10-CM valid codes and code titles can be found starting on page 5 following the Table of Contents in the provided link below:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/Downloads/manual201710_ICD10.pdf

If you have questions about how to code correctly using ICD-10, please visit the Provider Resources section of the CMS ICD-10 website.

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