

2021 ICD-10 UPDATES

October 8, 2020

Effective October 1, 2020, the 2021 ICD-10-CM updates for patient encounters occurring October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 went into effect. If a non-valid ICD-10 code was submitted on or after October 1, 2020, it may result in the delay of filing the claim on your patients' behalf or additional calls to your office requesting correct ICD-10 codes. PathGroup will update all systems on Friday, October 9 to reflect the 2021 ICD-10 changes.

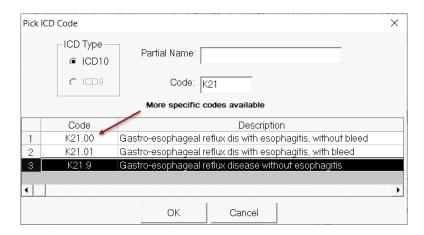
Several previously valid codes have been replaced by more specific ICD-10 codes that provide additional information about the patient encounter. The previously valid will no longer be accepted for billing and a specific code should be provided. An example of the new specificity is shown below.

Example of previously valid code:

K21.0 Gastro esophageal reflux disease with esophagitis

Example of more specific codes in the K21.0 category:

- K21.00 Gastro esophageal reflux disease with esophagitis, without bleed
- K21.01 Gastro esophageal reflux disease with esophagitis, with bleed
- K21.9 Gastro esophageal reflux disease without esophagitis



A complete list of the 2021 ICD-10-CM valid codes and code titles is posted on the CMS website at: https://www.cms.gov/medicare/icd-10/2021-icd-10-cm.

If you have questions about these changes, visit the Provider Resources page of the CMS website at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ICD-10Resources.

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