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Dear Primary Care Provider:

The wait is over, ICD-10 is here.

Each month you will receive a focused newsletter.

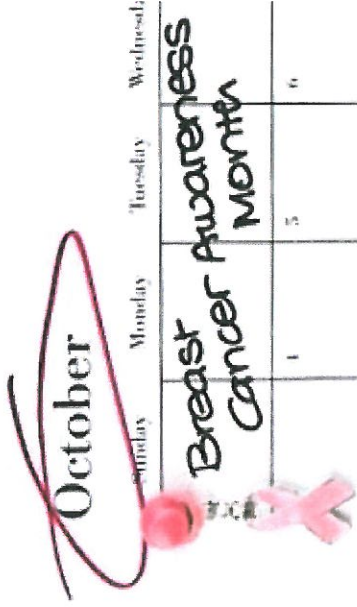
This month is Breast Cancer Awareness.

Please see the attached newsletter and information regarding documentation ICD-10 codes related to Breast Cancer.

Sincerely,



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Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide and the second-most common cancer overall. In 2015, an estimated 231,840 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. alone. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women. Each year it is estimated that over 220,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die. Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,150 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 410 will die each year.

Information from the National Breast Cancer Foundation, www.nationalbreastcancer.org and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, <http://www5.komen.org>.

DOCUMENTING BREAST CANCER

The most apparent change in neoplasm coding for ICD-10-CM is the number of codes due to increased specificity, one of the major advantages to the new system. In addition to

laterality (left, right, bilateral, and unspecified), ICD-10-CM includes more specific codes for reporting the sites of neoplasms.

In ICD-10-CM, the codes for breast cancer are located in category C50 (malignant neoplasm of breast). Those codes are broken down by gender, laterality, and site. ICD-10-CM has 54 codes compared to 11 in ICD-9-CM. For every code for female breast cancer, ICD-10-CM includes a comparable code for male breast cancer.

ACTIVE/CURRENT CANCER

Assign the code for the primary malignancy until treatment is completed. This applies even when the primary malignancy has been excised but further treatment (e.g., radiation therapy, chemotherapy, or additional surgery) is directed to that site.
(Source: ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting 2015; Section I.C.2.m and n)

Sample of the ICD-10 Codes for active Breast Cancer:

C50.911 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of right female breast

C50.912 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of left female breast

C50.919 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified breast

C50.921 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of the right male breast

C50.922 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of the left male breast

C50.929 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified breast

HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER

When a primary malignancy has been excised or eradicated and there is no further treatment of the malignancy to that site, and no evidence of any existing primary malignancy.

Z85.3 Personal history of malignant neoplasm of the breast

HISTORY OF MASTECTOMY

Z90.10 Acquired absence of unspecified breast and nipple

Z90.11 Acquired absence of right breast and nipple

Z90.12 Acquired absence of left breast and nipple

Z90.13 Acquired absence of bilateral breast and nipple

BREAST CANCER SCREENING

Z12.31 Encounter for screening mammogram for malignant neoplasm of the breast