

Customer Support Advisory

September 15, 2009

ICD-9 Code List Update

CMS requires the use of the new 2009 ICD-9 codes beginning October 1, 2009; your database will be updated automatically

This advisory pertains to all Alteer Office® versions. ICD-9 diagnosis codes are maintained and regularly updated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). As of October 1, 2009, you will be required to use the updated, 2010 version of the ICD-9 code set to avoid claim rejection errors. **Alteer will automatically update your database with the new codes at the end of the day on Wednesday, September 30th, 2009.** You do not need to download any files manually. To see ICD-9 codes in Alteer Office, go to **Billing Admin** work area, then select diagnosis from the drop down, then type in a code and choose search. If you had previously customized the short search descriptions for diagnosis codes in Alteer Office, they will remain intact after your database has been updated.

[The ICD-9 (International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision) list contains the diagnosis codes used to document the incidence of disease, injury, mortality, and illness and is designed to facilitate the collection of uniform and comparable health information. To learn more about ICD-9 and the updated list, please visit:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/01_overview.asp.]

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