



Documentation and Coding

Diabetes Mellitus



High quality documentation and complete, accurate coding can help capture our members' health status and promote continuity of care. Below are resources for documenting and coding diabetes mellitus (DM). This information is from the [ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting](#) and the resources noted below.*

Codes for DM Types

DM types are divided into five categories:

- **E08** DM due to underlying condition
- **E09** Drug or chemical induced DM
- **E10** Type 1 DM
- **E11** Type 2 DM
- **E13** Other specified DM

ICD-10-CM requires **documentation to specify DM with hyper- or hypoglycemia**, instead of controlled or uncontrolled. Without this documentation, **DM unspecified** will be coded.

| Sample ICD-10-CM DM Codes | |
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| Type 1 DM without complications | E10.9 |
| Type 2 DM without complications | E11.9 |
| Type 1 DM with diabetic chronic kidney disease (CKD) Use additional code to identify CKD stage (N18.1–N18.6) | E10.22 |
| Type 2 DM with CKD Use additional code to identify CKD stage (N18.1–N18.6) | E11.22 |



Specificity Matters

These categories are further divided into subcategories of four, five or six characters. They include the DM type, the body system affected and the complications affecting that body system.

Best Practices

- Include patient demographics, such as name and date of birth, and date of service in all progress notes.
- Document legibly, clearly and concisely.
- Ensure documents are signed and dated by a credentialed provider.
- Document each diagnosis as having been monitored, evaluated, assessed and/or treated on the date of service.
- Note complications with an appropriate treatment plan.
- Assign as many codes as needed to describe all disease complications. This includes combination codes (such as E11.621 Type 2 DM with foot ulcer) and additional codes (such as CKD stage and ulcer site).
- Assign codes appropriate for the patient's condition.
- Take advantage of the Annual Health Assessment or other yearly preventive exam to capture all conditions impacting member care.

*For more details, see:

- [ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting](#), Chapter 4: Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E08–E13)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [Risk Adjustment Data Validation \(RADV\) Medical Record Checklist and Guidance](#)
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) [Medicare Advantage Annual Wellness Visit Guide](#)

Questions? Contact your BCBSTX Network Representative.

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