

## **New ICD-10 MIT information**

### **NEW ICD-10 MASTER INDUSTRY TABLE (MIT) IMPLEMENTATION 1 July 2014**

The new 2014 ICD-10 Master Industry Table (MIT), available from the National Department of Health website ([www.health.gov.za](http://www.health.gov.za)), was published on 1 January 2014 for implementation on 1 July 2014. The aim of this product (2014 ICD-10 Master Industry Table) is for everyone in the industry to use the same standard list/table of ICD-10 codes at the lowest possible cost. This replaces the 2013 and 2007 ICD-10 Master Industry Tables. Please ensure that you use this new MIT to avoid rejections of claims by medical schemes.

This new MIT implementation date is **1 July 2014** and warning messages for implementation phase 3 and 4.1 commenced on 1 January 2014. The final implementation date for phase 3 and 4.1 was 01 July 2014.

#### **Background**

Since 2005, the implementation of ICD-10 coding in South Africa took place under the auspices of the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) and was managed by a National ICD-10 Task Team (which has now become a Ministerial Task Team). During the implementation process, various phases of ICD-10 implementation were identified in order to ensure a smooth implementation across all stakeholders.

#### **Detail**

The breakdown of the phases was communicated in the CMS circulars 23 of 2005; 32 of 2005; 47 of 2006 as well as the ICD-10 Task Team Review Document of 2010. These circulars detail the requirements for each of the phases that need to be adhered to. Currently, the healthcare industry, both private and public, have adopted some aspects of phases 1, 2 and 3, however, it has been brought to the attention of the National Department of Health (NDoH) via the ICD-10 Task Team and the CMS, that the full implementation of ICD-10 phase 3 has not been implemented across the industry. The NDoH, and the CMS require phase 3 of ICD-10 to be fully implemented and no exceptions will be allowed.

#### **Phase 3 and 4.1**

During phase 3 implementation, all health care providers are required to submit claims and assign codes to health records with complete codes (3rd, 4th or 5th character codes, as appropriate). The validation of all primary and secondary codes is required during this phase as well as validation of combination coding rules (specifically for injuries/poisonings and external cause codes). The validation process will continue during this phase. However there will be no clinical validation of codes outside existing contractual arrangements and for management of Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs). Clinical validation entails the validation of ICD-10 codes against other coding schemas, such as procedures, pharmaceuticals and validation of codes between different provider types.

Phase 4.1 was implemented on 01 July 2014 and this phase entails age and gender edits. The implementation of morphology codes will not be implemented on 01 July 2014. Additional columns in the MIT were added with information about age and gender. A document is available about age definitions from the NDoH website.

#### **Official electronic 2014 ICD-10 Master Industry Table for South Africa**

In order to ensure consistent ICD-10 coding throughout South Africa, an official electronic ICD-10 Master Industry Table for South Africa (MIT) is published from time to time. The MIT is specifically created and implemented to ensure that:

- all role players have easy access to a locally applicable set of codes,
- the integrity of the ICD-10 system can be maintained and that maintenance of the system should be done at a central point, and
- the list can simply and easily be incorporated into any software or paper-based system for coding of claims for submission, as well as for adjudication of those claims from a medical scheme's perspective. Alternatively, the list should be used as an additional reference to the ICD-10 manuals to ensure that the codes used comply with the industry standards when submitted on claims.

Please ensure that you use the new ICD-10 Master Industry Table, from 01 January 2014.

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