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2018 ICD-10 Updates of Note for OB/GYN

The 2018 ICD-10 updates were implemented on October 1, 2017. The following changes may be of note to OB/GYN providers:

- Lump in the breast will now be better described by expanded codes in category N63 that identify which breast and the area of the breast where the lump is found (e.g., right breast, lower inner quadrant).
- Code selection for O00, Ectopic pregnancy, has been expanded to include laterality.
- Code section O36.8 has a new subsection for Maternal care for abnormalities of the fetal heart rate or rhythm.
- The description for code Z38.5 has been updated with the word “procreative” to read “Encounter for procreative genetic counseling”.
- Code Z36, Encounter for antenatal screening of the mother, has been expanded with several codes to describe screening for specific conditions.
- Code Z40.03 has been added to describe encounter for prophylactic removal of the fallopian tube(s).

There are many other changes to codes, within the guidelines, and to excludes and code also/first notes. Please review chapters that are used frequently by your department or division for updates that may be applicable. It is advised that changes be made to provider favorite lists to facilitate the use of new or revised codes.

OIG Work Plan Changes for 2017/2018

In years past, the Office of the Inspector General has released their annual work plan during the fall months for the

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coming fiscal year. The work plan details the OIG's current and future areas of focus which help us to prioritize risk areas as they relate to regulatory compliance and billing for services rendered to patients. As of June 2017 the OIG will no longer release a work plan annually. Work plan items will be updated and posted as they become available in an effort to be more transparent and timely. Current work plan items that may be of interest to our practice plan are as follows:

- Focus on Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy.
- Analyzing CMS' action taken on CERT data gathered from audits in previous years.
- Drug waste of single use vial drugs (tracked by use of the JW modifier).
- Sufficiency of supporting documenting for diagnoses on patient accounts with risk adjustment data.
- Psychotherapy services rendered to Medicare patients.
- Overlapping Part A and Part B claims (inpatient and outpatient services).

Because the plan is now released as available, it may be reviewed at any time during the fiscal year. Plan items will be periodically reviewed by the Compliance Office and updates will be provided as relevant. The plan may be found at the link below:

OIG Active Work Plan Items

e-PHI Security Tip

Personal cell phones (as well as most other portable devices) should never be used to photograph or maintain photographs of PHI. Any pictures of patients or PHI that are necessary for the patient's care should be stored in the EHR or some other approved secure server location. Devices used to take clinically necessary photographs should be physically secured and wiped clean once photographs have been migrated to the secure storage location. Other than those photographs which are clinical necessary and appropriate, absolutely no pictures should be taken of patients or their PHI.

Lunch Discussion Session December

Due to the date's proximity to the December 22nd holiday, this month's Lunch Discussion is cancelled. Happy Holidays!