

# Status coding

## Documentation and coding: Individual & Family Plans

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*The information that follows is designed to provide guidance for the documentation and coding of your claims. It is not meant to replace your clinical judgment when caring for your patients.*

### Documentation and coding

A status code is informative because it may affect the course of treatment and its outcome. A status code is distinct from a history code, which indicates that the patient no longer has the condition.<sup>2</sup>

### Status coding decision tree

When coding, does the:

- Status impact the current health of the patient?

- Status represent a condition (e.g., stem cell transplant status, multiple myeloma, etc.)?
- History code represent a pertinent past medical history condition that is resolved?
- Status impact durable medical equipment or supplies?
- Status alter a body function?

**NOTE: In the charts that follow, a dash after an ICD-10<sup>3</sup> code denotes an additional character is needed for greater specificity diagnostic coding.**

## Ostomies

ICD-10 code	Description
Z43.1	Encounter for attention to gastrostomy
Z43.2	Encounter for attention to ileostomy
Z43.3	Encounter for attention to colostomy
Z43.4	Encounter for attention to other artificial openings of digestive tract
Z43.5	Encounter for attention to cystostomy
Z43.6	Encounter for attention to other artificial openings of urinary tract
Z43.8	Encounter for attention to other artificial openings
Z43.9	Encounter for attention to unspecified artificial opening

ICD-10 code	Description
Z93.1	Gastrostomy status
Z93.2	Ileostomy status
Z93.3	Colostomy status
Z93.4	Other artificial openings of gastrointestinal tract status
Z93.50	Unspecified cystostomy status
Z93.52	Appendico-vesicostomy status
Z93.59	Other cystostomy status
Z93.6	Other artificial openings of urinary tract status
Z93.8	Other artificial opening status
Z93.9	Artificial opening status, unspecified

## Respirator status and other

ICD-10 code	Description
Z99.11	Dependence on respirator (ventilator) status (documentation must state dependent)
Z99.12	Encounter for respirator (ventilator) dependence during power failure

## Body mass index

ICD-10 code	Description
Z68.-	Body mass index (BMI) codes should only be assigned when there is an associated, reportable diagnosis (such as obesity). Do not assign BMI codes during pregnancy.

<sup>1</sup> Diagnosis inaccuracies that are not addressed can result in administrative sanctions and potential financial penalties.

<sup>2</sup> "ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting FY 2023 -- UPDATED April 1, 2023." Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Retrieved from <https://www.CMS.gov/files/document/fy-2023-icd-10-cm-coding-guidelines-updated-01/11/2023.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision.

## Long-term use of drug therapy

ICD-10 code	Description
<b>Z79.-</b>	Long-term (current) drug therapy

## Transplant status

ICD-10 code	Description
<b>Z95.811</b>	Presence of heart assist device
<b>Z95.812</b>	Presence of fully implantable artificial heart
<b>Z48.21</b>	Encounter for aftercare following heart transplant
<b>Z94.1</b>	Heart transplant status
<b>Z94.3</b>	Heart and lungs transplant status
<b>Z48.24</b>	Encounter for aftercare following lung transplant
<b>Z94.2</b>	Lung transplant status
<b>Z48.22</b>	Encounter for aftercare following kidney transplant

## Amputation status

ICD-10 code	Description	Additional characters to use
<b>Z89.11-</b>	Acquired absence of hand	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right hand      9- Unspecified hand 2 – Left hand
<b>Z89.12-</b>	Acquired absence of wrist	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right wrist      9- Unspecified wrist 2 – Left wrist
<b>Z89.20-</b>	Acquired absence of upper limb, unspecified level	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right upper limb, unsp. level 2 – Left upper limb, unsp. level 9 – Unspecified
<b>Z89.21-</b>	Acquired absence of upper limb, below elbow	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right upper limb, below elbow 2 – Left upper limb, below elbow 9 – Unspecified upper limb, below elbow
<b>Z89.22-</b>	Acquired absence of upper limb, above elbow	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right upper limb, above elbow 2 – Left upper limb, above elbow 9 – Unspecified upper limb, above elbow
<b>Z89.41-</b>	Acquired absence of great toe	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right great toe      9- Unspecified great toe 2 – Left great toe
<b>Z89.42-</b>	Acquired absence of other toe(s)	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Other right toe(s) 2 – Other left toe(s) 9 – Other toe(s), unspecified side

## Problems related to care provider dependency

ICD-10 code	Description
<b>Z99.3</b>	Dependence on wheelchair
<b>Z74.01</b>	Bed confinement status
<b>Z74</b>	Problems related to care provider dependency

## Asymptomatic HIV status

ICD-10 code	Description
<b>Z21</b>	Asymptomatic HIV infection status

ICD-10 code	Description
<b>Z94.0</b>	Kidney transplant status
<b>Z94.83</b>	Pancreas transplant status
<b>Z94.4</b>	Liver transplant status
<b>Z48.29</b>	Encounter for aftercare following bone marrow transplant
<b>Z94.81</b>	Bone marrow transplant status
<b>Z94.84</b>	Stem cells transplant status
<b>T86.5</b>	Complications of stem cell transplant

ICD-10 code	Description	Additional characters to use
<b>Z89.43-</b>	Acquired absence of foot	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right foot      9- Unspecified foot 2 – Left foot
<b>Z89.44-</b>	Acquired absence of ankle	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right ankle      9- Unspecified ankle 2 – Left ankle
<b>Z89.51-</b>	Acquired absence of leg below knee	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right leg below knee 2 – Left leg below knee 9 – Unspecified leg below knee
<b>Z89.52-</b>	Acquired absence of knee	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right knee      9- Unspecified knee 2 – Left knee
<b>Z89.61-</b>	Acquired absence of leg above knee	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right leg above knee 2 – Left leg above knee 9 – Unspecified leg above knee
<b>Z89.62-</b>	Acquired absence of hip	(-) Add 6th character: 1 – Right hip joint      9- Unspecified hip joint 2 – Left hip joint
<b>Z90.-</b>	Acquired absence of organs, not elsewhere classified	