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# ICD-10-CM Excludes Notes Provider Claim Education

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# Agenda



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# ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines for Coding and Reporting

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# Excludes Notes

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- Highmark Wholecare follows all coding conventions, including the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines and Reporting.
- Two types of Excludes Notes
  - Excludes 1
  - Excludes 2
  - Independent of each other

# Excludes 1

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A type 1 Excludes note is a pure excludes note. It means “NOT CODED HERE!” An Excludes1 note indicates that the code excluded should never be used at the same time as the code above the Excludes 1 note.

An Excludes 1 is used when two conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form versus an acquired form of the same condition.

## ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines for Coding and Reporting

### **Chapter 5: Mental, Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental disorders (F01 – F99)**

- **Pain disorders related to psychological factors**
- Assign code F45.41, for pain that is exclusively related to psychological disorders. As indicated by the Excludes 1 note under category G89, a code from category G89 should not be assigned with code F45.41.

Source: ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting  
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# Excludes 2

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A type 2 Excludes note represents “Not included here.” An excludes 2 note indicates that the condition excluded is not part of the condition represented by the code, but a patient may have both conditions at the same time.

When an Excludes 2 note appears under a code, it is acceptable to use both the code and the excluded code together, when appropriate.

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# Common Denials

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# Common Denial – I51

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**Diagnosis code(s) inappropriately coded**

# Common Denial – I51

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- Data showed primary diagnosis and a secondary diagnosis billed together inappropriately.
- The secondary diagnosis used was an Excludes 1 diagnosis.

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# Coding Examples

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- Can these codes be billed together?



- **Q10.0**
  - Excludes1: congenital malformations of eyelid (Q10.0-Q10.3)

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- Can these codes be billed together?

E83.30

Disorder of phosphorus  
metabolism, unspecified

E55.9

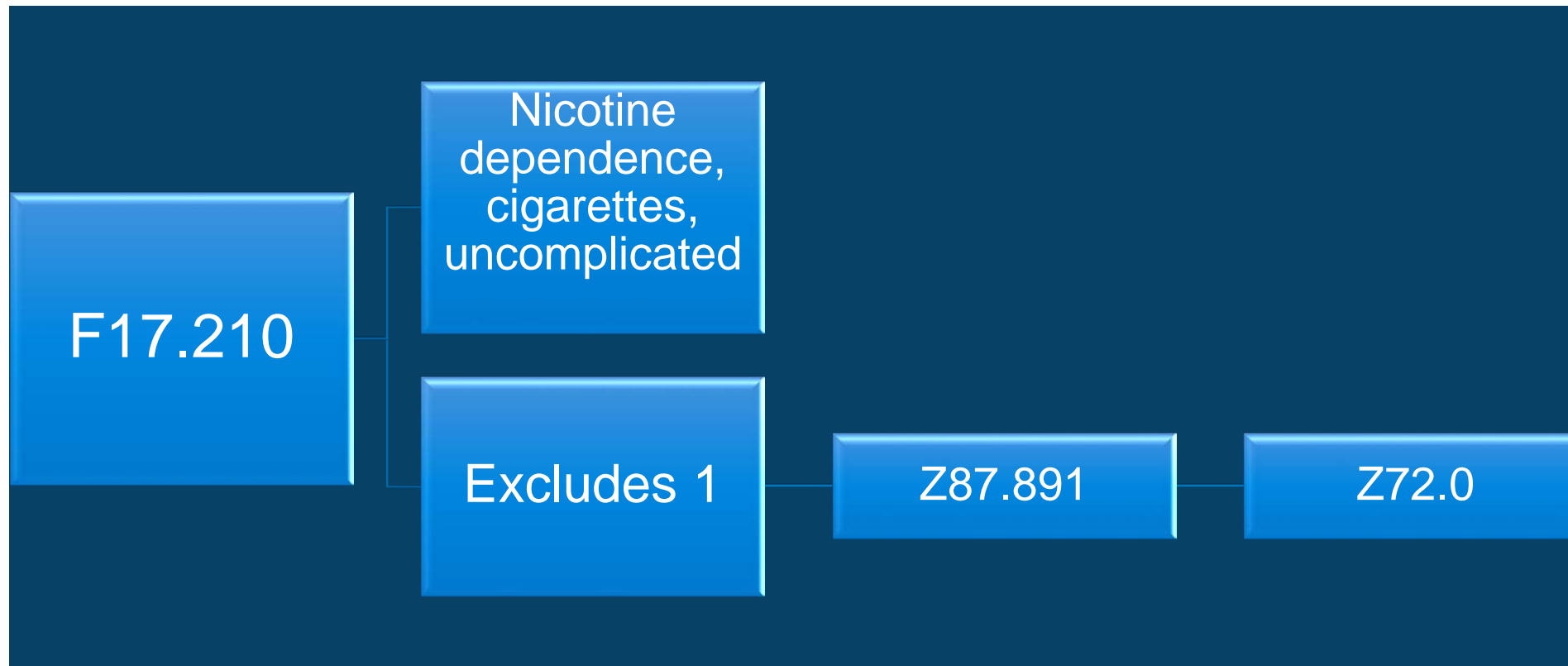
*Excludes1: adult osteomalacia (M83.-)  
osteoporosis (M80.-)  
Excludes1: dietary mineral deficiency  
(E58-E61)  
parathyroid disorders (E20-E21)  
vitamin D deficiency (E55.-)*



# Coding Examples



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- Can these codes be billed together?

Z01.419

Encounter for gynecological  
examination (general)  
(routine) without abnormal  
findings

Excludes 1:

Z08

Z12.4



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- Can these codes be billed together?

**I50.20 Systolic (congestive)  
heart failure**

**Excludes 1:**

**Combined systolic  
(congestive) and diastolic  
(congestive) heart failure  
(I50.4-)**





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- Can these codes be billed together?

I50.30 Unspecified  
diastolic  
(congestive) heart  
failure

Excludes 1

Combined systolic  
(congestive) and  
diastolic  
(congestive) heart  
failure (I50.4-)

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- Can these codes be billed together?

Z00.00

Encounter for  
general adult  
medical  
examination without  
abnormal findings

Z00.121

Excludes 1:  
Encounter for  
routine child health  
examination with  
abnormal findings

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# Recommendations

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- Review the ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines
- Code to the highest specificity
- Coders review claims before submitting

# Recommendations

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- Run a report on common diagnosis denials
- Educate and train
- Provider documentation
- Have an internal edit in place for excludes 1

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# Thank You

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# Sources

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- ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting. FY 2022 - UPDATED April 1, 2022. (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)
- Highmark Wholecare I51 Denials Data - Diagnosis code(s) inappropriately coded
- AAPC (2021). 2022 ICD-10-CM Expert. American Academy Holdings. <https://bookshelf.vitalsource.com/books/A22BPL0008>

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