

Z CODES

Z codes are reported when the patient is not sick and presents for specific care (for example, routine physical, screening, disease history etc)

Z codes can be used in any healthcare setting



- Can be Primary or Secondary Codes
- Report codes as applicable.

History, Screening, Status, Aftercare, Follow-up
Donor, Counselling, Outcome of Delivery
Preoperative Examination etc.

When applied correctly, Z codes improve claims accuracy and specificity, and help to establish medical necessity for treatment.

There is a list of all the Z codes that can only be reported as the principal diagnosis. The complete list can be found in ICD-10-CM guideline I.C.2I.c.16, Z Codes That May Only be Principal/First-Listed Diagnosis. Z codes are divided into sixteen categories