



**Medicaid Advisory Letter (MAL) No. 626**

DATE: October 1, 2018 (*Revised March 7, 2019*)  
TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers  
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans  
Other Interested Parties  
FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Medicaid Director  
SUBJECT: ***Diagnosis Code Reporting Required on All Claims –April 1, 2019  
Implementation Has Been Delayed***

Current Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards require that all Medicaid claims and all adjustments submitted for previous paid claims, regardless of date of service, must include a valid diagnosis code to be accepted for processing.

Currently, there is a small subset of Medicaid covered services—for example, some transportation services and many home and community-based waiver services—for which a claim can be submitted without a diagnosis code; providers of these services are listed in Attachment 1 by provider type and specialty. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will implement a system change to require a diagnosis code when a claim is submitted by a provider of a type/specialty listed in Attachment 1. This change will involve claims submitted via the Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) provider portal and claims submitted by Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) X12 837 claims transaction. The Medicaid managed care plans have updated their payment systems to conform to this federal requirement and already require a diagnosis code on all claims.

Providers that do know an appropriate diagnosis code must enter it. Questions about which diagnoses to report should be directed to the ordering/referring/prescribing provider associated with a claim. For some providers, however, diagnosis is not related to the service provided (e.g., transportation by wheelchair van), so there is no need to know a diagnosis code. In these rare cases, ODM recommends that the provider choose an appropriate diagnosis code for the service. For example, diagnosis code Z41.8 (entered without the period as Z418) indicates an "encounter for other procedures for purposes other than remedying health state."

Please take the steps necessary to ensure that you are prepared to enter a diagnosis code on all Ohio Medicaid claims and adjustments.

***Update: The implementation date for this system change was April 1, 2019. Implementation has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon.***

***This postponement does not affect providers that submit claims for which a diagnosis is required. They must continue to report appropriate diagnosis codes.***

## **Additional Information**

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid may be accessed through the main webpage at <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Questions pertaining to this MAL may be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>
4 - Outpatient Health Center (OHF)	041 - OHF Dental
12 - Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	122 - FQHC Dental
16 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency	160 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency
16 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency	161 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency JFS Waiver
16 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency	450 - ODJFS Waiver
16 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency	452 - ODJFS Waiver Adult Day Health
16 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency	453 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental and Adaptive Assistive
16 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency	455 - ODJFS Waiver Home Delivered Meals
16 - Other Accredited Home Health Agency	456 - ODJFS Waiver Out of Home Respite
25 - Non Agency Personal Care Aide	250 - Personal Care Services
25 - Non Agency Personal Care Aide	450 - ODJFS Waiver
26 - Non Agency Home Care Attendant	260 - Non Agency Home Care Attendant
38 - Private Duty Nurse	380 - RN - Private Duty Nursing
38 - Private Duty Nurse	381 - RN - ODJFS Waiver Home Care Nursing
38 - Private Duty Nurse	382 - LPN - Private Duty Nursing
38 - Private Duty Nurse	383 - LPN - ODJFS Waiver Home Care Nursing
45 - Waivered Services Organization	450 - ODJFS Waiver
45 - Waivered Services Organization	451 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental Transport Services
45 - Waivered Services Organization	452 - ODJFS Waiver Adult Day Health
45 - Waivered Services Organization	453 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental and Adaptive Assistive
45 - Waivered Services Organization	454 - ODJFS Waiver Minor Home Modifications
45 - Waivered Services Organization	455 - ODJFS Waiver Home Delivered Meals
45 - Waivered Services Organization	456 - ODJFS Waiver Out of Home Respite
45 - Waivered Services Organization	457 - ODJFS Waiver Emergency Response System
50 - Clinic	455 - ODJFS Waiver Home Delivered Meals
55 - Waivered Services Individual	450 - ODJFS Waiver
55 - Waivered Services Individual	451 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental Transport Services
55 - Waivered Services Individual	453 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental and Adaptive Assistive
55 - Waivered Services Individual	454 - ODJFS Waiver Minor Home Modifications
55 - Waivered Services Individual	455 - ODJFS Waiver Home Delivered Meals
60 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency	450 - ODJFS Waiver
60 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency	452 - ODJFS Waiver Adult Day Health
60 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency	453 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental and Adaptive Assistive
60 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency	457 - ODJFS Waiver Emergency Response System
60 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency	600 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency
60 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency	601 - Medicare Certified Home Health Agency JFS Waiver
65 - Clinical Nurse Specialist Individual	380 - RN - Private Duty Nursing
65 - Clinical Nurse Specialist Individual	381 - RN - ODJFS Waiver Home Care Nursing
70- Pharmacy	453 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental and Adaptive Assistive
71 - Nurse Midwife Individual	380 - RN - Private Duty Nursing
71 - Nurse Midwife Individual	381 - RN - ODJFS Waiver Home Care Nursing
72 - Nurse Practitioner Individual	380 - RN - Private Duty Nursing
72 - Nurse Practitioner Individual	381 - RN - ODJFS Waiver Home Care Nursing
76 - Durable Medical Equipment Supplier	453 - ODJFS Waiver Supplemental and Adaptive Assistive
76 - Durable Medical Equipment Supplier	454 - ODJFS Waiver Minor Home Modifications
76 - Durable Medical Equipment Supplier	457 - ODJFS Waiver Emergency Response System
80 - Independent Laboratory	000 - All Specialties
82 - Ambulance	000 - All Specialties [including 451 - Waiver Transport]
83 - Wheelchair Van	000 - All Specialties [including 451 - Waiver Transport]
86 - Nursing Facility	456 - ODJFS Waiver Out of Home Respite
88 - State Operated ICF-MR	456 - ODJFS Waiver Out of Home Respite
89 - Non State Operated ICF-MR	456 - ODJFS Waiver Out of Home Respite