

SMFM Coding Committee

Newsletter Coding Tip – August 2017

ICD-10-CM Changes for 2018

With the adoption of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th edition, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) specialists lost the opportunity to be specific in assigning diagnoses for most of the common screening services. The only option available was **Z36** Encounter for antenatal screening of the mother.

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2017, the Z36 category has been subdivided to allow greater specificity. Unlike ICD-9-CM, these new ICD-10-CM codes define the *purpose* of the screening, rather than the screening modality.

The new codes are as follows:

Z36.0 Encounter for antenatal screening for chromosomal anomalies

Z36.1 ...for raised alphafetoprotein level

Z36.2 ...for other antenatal screening follow-up

Z36.3 ...for malformation

Z36.4 ...for fetal growth retardation

Z36.5 ...for isoimmunization

Z36.8 ... for other antenatal screening

Z36.81 ... for hydrops fetalis

Z36.82 ... for nuchal translucency

Z36.83 ... for congenital cardiac abnormalities

Z36.84 ...for fetal lung maturity

Z36.85 ... for Streptococcus B

Z36.86 ... for cervical length

Z36.87 ... for uncertain dates

Z36.88 ... for fetal macrosomia

Z36.89 ... for other specified antenatal screening

Z36.8A...for other genetic defects

While all these codes may be used at one time or another, the most common screening services will likely be coded as follows:

Service	CPT Code(s)	ICD-10-CM Code
1 st Trimester Dating Scan	76801 (76802) or 76817	Z36.87
1 st Trimester Nuchal	76813 (76814)	Z36.82
Translucency		
Noninvasive Prenatal Testing	Various	Z36.0
(NIPT)		
Anatomy Scan	76805	Z36.3
Anatomy Scan Follow-up	76816 or 76817	Z36.2
(e.g. inability to visualize		
organ(s))		
Cervical Length Screening	76817	Z36.86

Payers may require the use of these or other diagnosis codes for screening services to be payable under their specific plans. Querying payers for their requirements, as needed, is recommended.