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ICD-10 Transition for the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Waiver

What is ICD-10?

- International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is the standard for establishing all diagnoses. Medicaid, like all health care providers, is required by the federal government to transition from using the 9th edition to the new 10th edition of the ICD codes by October 2015.

How will the transition to ICD-10 affect people on the waiver?

- A person on the SCI waiver will see little to no change from this transition. At their next annual review, the SCI waiver participant will still need a qualifying diagnosis on the Professional Medical Information Page (PMIP). The new ICD-10 codes will be used to establish targeting criteria under broader sets of diagnoses. For example:
    - ICD-10 Code, S14135A = Anterior cord syndrome at C5 level of cervical spinal cord, initial encounter.
        - This code is under the Anterior cord syndrome diagnoses in the list below, therefore meeting waiver targeting criteria.

For clients who would like to access the waiver, you must meet one of the broad diagnoses as part of the waiver targeting criteria. Those diagnoses are listed below for the SCI waiver:

- Spinal cord injury unspecified
- Complete lesion of spinal cord
- Anterior cord syndrome
- Central cord syndrome
- Other specified spinal cord injury
- Lumbar spinal cord injury without spinal bone injury
- Sacral spinal cord injury without spinal bone injury
- Cauda equina spinal cord injury without spinal bone injury
- Multiple sites of spinal cord injury without spinal bone injury
- Unspecified site of spinal cord injury without spinal bone injury
- Injury to cervical nerve root

- Injury to dorsal nerve root
- Injury to lumbar nerve root
- Injury to sacral nerve root
- Injury to brachial plexus
- Injury to lumbosacral plexus
- Injury to multiple sites of nerve roots and spinal plexus
- Injury to unspecified site of nerve roots and spinal plexus
- Injury to cervical sympathetic nerve excluding shoulder and pelvic girdles
- Injury to other sympathetic nerve excluding shoulder and pelvic girdles
- Injury to other specified nerve(s) of trunk excluding shoulder and pelvic girdles
- Injury to unspecified nerve of trunk excluding shoulder and pelvic girdles
- Paraplegia
- Paraplegia, Unspecified
- Paraplegia, Complete
- Paraplegia, Incomplete
- Quadriplegia/Tetraplegia/Incomplete – unspecified
- Quadriplegia – C1-C4/Complete
- Quadriplegia – C1-C4/Incomplete
- Quadriplegia – C5-C7/Complete
- Quadriplegia – C5-C7/Incomplete

We encourage everyone to work with their Single Entry Point (SEP) and doctor to ensure that a person's diagnoses meets targeting criteria. If you have any questions about your eligibility, visit www.colorado.gov/hcpf/single-entry-point-agencies to find contact information for a Single Entry Point agency in your region.

To read the complete rule 8.517.2, visit the Department Program Rules website www.colorado.gov/hcpf/department-program-rules-and-regulations.

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