

ICD-10 CODING FOR TOBACCO USE/ABUSE/DEPENDENCE

COMMIT TO QUIT



Background

KMA and the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care launched "[Commit to Quit](#)" a statewide smoking cessation program that helps smokers in Kentucky stop smoking with guidance from their physician.

Previously, ICD-9 offered only two tobacco-use diagnosis codes. With the implementation of ICD-10, nicotine dependence (Category F17) has 20 codes that are broken up to identify the specific tobacco product used – unspecified, cigarettes, chewing tobacco and other tobacco products. This job aid provides additional detail on important changes related to coding tobacco use, abuse and dependence.

Coding

ICD-10 guidelines also provide a hierarchy for coding Use/Abuse/Dependence:

- If both use and abuse are documented, assign only the code for abuse
- If both abuse and dependence are documented, assign **only** the code for dependence
- If use, abuse and dependence are all documented, assign **only** the code for dependence
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Other Notes:

- The term "smoker" refers the coder to see dependence, drug, nicotine
- There is no code for past history of tobacco use, only a code for past history of tobacco dependence
- Electronic cigarettes are battery-powered vaporizer devices that turn liquid nicotine into a vapor that can be inhaled. ICD-10 refers us to nicotine – see tobacco.

F17.2 Nicotine dependence

Category F17.20 is used to identify unspecified nicotine dependence

F17.200 Nicotine dependence, unspecified, uncomplicated

F17.201 Nicotine dependence, unspecified, in remission

F17.203 Nicotine dependence unspecified, with withdrawal

F17.208 Nicotine dependence, unspecified, with other nicotine-induced disorders

F17.209 Nicotine dependence, unspecified, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders

Category F17.21 is used to identify nicotine dependence with cigarettes

F17.210 Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, uncomplicated

F17.211 Nicotine dependence cigarettes, in remission

F17.213 Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, with withdrawal

F17.218 Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, with other nicotine-induced disorders

F17.219 Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders

Category F17.22 is used to identify nicotine dependence with chewing tobacco

F17.220 Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, uncomplicated

F17.221 Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, in remission

F17.223 Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, with withdrawal

F17.228 Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, with other nicotine-induced disorders

F17.229 Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders

Category F17.29 is used to identify nicotine dependence with other tobacco products

F17.290 Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, uncomplicated

F17.291 Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, in remission

F17.293 Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, with withdrawal

F17.298 Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, with other nicotine-induced disorders

F17.299 Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, unspecified nicotine-induced disorders

Z71 Counseling and Medical Advice Services

Category Z71.6 Tobacco abuse counseling

Use additional code for nicotine dependence (F17.2)

Z72 Problems related to lifestyle

Category Z72.0 is for Tobacco Use

Z72.0 Tobacco use not otherwise specified (NOS)

Excludes1: History of tobacco dependence (Z87.891); nicotine dependence (F17.2), tobacco dependence

(F17.2); tobacco use during pregnancy (099.33).

Z87 History of (noncurrent) Nicotine Dependence

Category Z87.8 Personal history of other specified conditions

Z87.891 Personal history of nicotine dependence

Excludes1: Current nicotine dependence (F17.2)

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