

# ICD-9-CM Coding

An overview of key issues  
and DPW requirements

# Data Quality

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- Complete and accurate diagnostic and procedural coded data is necessary for:
  - Research
  - Epidemiology
  - Outcomes and Statistical Analysis
  - Financial and Strategic Planning
  - Reimbursement
  - Evaluation of Quality of Care
  - Communication to Support Patients' Treatment

# DPW Requirements

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- DPW requires the use of ICD-9-CM codes for HIPAA compliance
- Providers may still use the DSM-IV to diagnose, but will need to bill with ICD-9-CM codes only
- Billing staff need to be familiar with DSM-IV Crosswalk with the ICD-9-CM

# Commonalities and Differences among DSM-IV and ICD-9-CM codes

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- Crosswalk provides a valuable tool for translating the diagnoses, codes, and principles of DSM-IV and ICD-9-CM
- While there is a large degree of continuity between the DSM-IV and ICD-9-CM, there are some differences in the codes and narratives
- One DSM-IV Code can crosswalk to multiple ICD-9-CM codes
- Fifth-digit subclassification codes are crucial for accuracy for some diagnoses

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