

# HCAI Code Changes to be Implemented on June 1, 2015

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This bulletin informs health care professionals and businesses about the updates to injury, intervention and treatment code sets used in HCAI. Health care providers that use HCAI have already been notified by HCAI that on June 1, 2015, updates will be implemented to the following code sets:

- **International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Canada (ICD-10-CA)**<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Canadian Classification of Interventions (CCI)**<sup>3</sup>
- **GAP codes**

The changes are described in detail in Appendix A.

## Why change?

The data captured by the Health Claims Database (HCDB) is what populates the HCDB Standard Report available here: <http://www.abc.ca/ab/resources/industry-resources/data-management/stat-plans/hcdb-%28health-claim-reporting%29>. The use of injury, intervention and goods codes that best reflect current practice and the requirements of Ontario's auto insurance system ensures the quality of HCDB reports. As the HCAI system goes through regular update cycles, an opportunity was identified to update the code sets currently in use. The need to proceed with changes to the code sets was agreed upon by members of the Coalition Representing Health Professionals in Automobile Insurance Reform (the Coalition) and Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC). These groups also participated in formulating the changes to the GAP codes, while the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) supplied the 2015 versions of the ICD-10-CA and CCI codes.

## Will the changes affect my practice?

The majority of ICD-10-CA and CCI codes commonly used by health care providers will remain the same. A bulletin will be released prior to June 1, 2015, that will direct health care providers to the commonly used codes that will be disabled and those that will be added. If a provider uses a code that has been retired, the HCAI application will alert him or her that the code is invalid. All of the new codes will be validated by HCAI as of June 1, 2015. In addition, the following support will be available:

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<sup>2</sup> ICD-10-CA – Canadian Institute for Health Information.

<sup>3</sup> CCI – 2006 Canadian Institute for Health Information.

- The HCAI Information website ([www.hcaiinfo.ca](http://www.hcaiinfo.ca)) will make all of the new code sets available prior to June 1, 2015.
- Providers will be able to search for codes in the HCAI application as they previously have.
- The process that health care facilities use to insert codes into Ontario Claims Forms within the HCAI online application will remain the same.

## **My company uses Practice Management Software (PMS)**

HCAI Processing has already engaged software developers and PMS companies and is working with them to facilitate implementation of the new code sets into PMS systems. Contact your PMS vendor if you have questions about a specific product.

## **Questions?**

IBC will post this and other bulletins pertaining to coding issues on its website [here](#).

- If you have coding questions that do not relate to HCAI, email [coding@ibc.ca](mailto:coding@ibc.ca).

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# Appendix A: Code Set Changes

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## ICD-10-CA: Injury, sequelae and problem codes

Health care providers have been relying on the 2006 version of ICD-10-CA codes, which represent the injuries and sequelae or problems that are a direct result of auto collisions. On June 1, the 2015 version will be implemented. In this new version, some previously available codes have been retired, and some new codes have been added. While the full set of changes is not yet available, the majority of ICD-10-CA codes will remain the same. A future bulletin will supply specifics about ICD-10-CA code changes.

## CCI: Intervention codes

Health care providers have used the 2006 version of CCI codes, which represent the injuries and sequelae or problems that are a direct result of auto collisions. On June 1, the 2015 version will be implemented. In this new version, some of the 2006 codes have been retired and some new codes have been added. While the full set of changes is not yet available, the majority of CCI codes will remain the same. A future bulletin will supply specifics about CCI code changes.

## GAP codes

To review the new and retired GAP codes, refer to “GAP Code Changes in Effect June 1\_2015.pdf” available [here](#).

## Insurer Reason Codes

To review the new Insurer Reason Codes, refer to “Insurer Reason Code Changes in Effect June 1\_2015.pdf” available [here](#).