



MLTSS ICD-10 Coding Guidelines for Authorization and Claims

Starting August 17, 2015, L.A. Care began accepting and processing authorization requests containing ICD-10 codes for services scheduled on or after October 1, 2015. ICD-9 codes will continue to be used for services scheduled and received through September 30, 2015. For a limited period of time, L.A. Care will honor existing MLTSS authorizations that span through October 1, 2015. This chart will help you determine what code set to use for your authorization or claim submission.

NOTE: Effective April 1, 2016, L.A. Care will require all authorization requests be processed using the ICD-10 code set.

Type of Service	Begins	Ends	Authorization	Claims
Outpatient – CBAS or LTC, existing authorizations	Service start date <i>before</i> 10/1/2015	<i>Before</i> 3/31/2016	Existing authorizations using the ICD-9 codes will be honored	Claim must be filed with ICD-10 codes.
Outpatient – CBAS or LTC, new authorizations	Service start date <i>before</i> 10/1/2015	<i>On or Before</i> 3/31/2016	Authorization should be requested with ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes	For dates of service <i>prior to</i> 10/1/2015, claims must be filed with ICD-9 codes; for dates of service <i>on or after</i> 10/1/2015, claims must be filed with ICD-10 codes.
Outpatient – CBAS or LTC, new authorizations	Services begins <i>on or after</i> 10/1/2015	NA	New authorization requests must be submitted with ICD-10.	Claim must be filed with ICD-10 codes.
Outpatient – LTC patient with a “bed hold” request due to <i>readmission to acute setting</i>	Bed hold <i>begins</i> before 10/1/2015	Known return to LTC setting <i>before</i> 10/1/2015	Existing LTC authorizations will be honored using the ICD-9 codes	Claims must be filed using ICD-9 codes



<p>Outpatient – LTC patient with a “bed hold” request due to readmission to acute setting</p>	<p>Admission begins <i>before</i> 10/1/2015</p>	<p>Known return to LTC setting <i>after</i> 10/1/2015</p>	<p>Existing authorizations will be honored for dates of service <i>prior to</i> 10/1/2015. A new LTC authorization request must be submitted for re-admit dates of service <i>on or after</i> 10/1/2015 with ICD-10 code</p>	<p>For dates of service <i>prior to</i> 10/1/2015, claims must be filed with ICD-9 codes; for dates of service <i>on or after</i> 10/1/2015, claims must be filed with ICD-10 codes.</p>
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