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GENERIC DICTIONARY – THE ICD-10 DICTIONARY

The ICD-10 Task Team has been informed that the Generic Dictionary has published the “The ICD-10 Dictionary” together with the SAMJ of May/June 2014.

The ICD-10 Task Team wishes to advise all healthcare practitioners, medical schemes, administrators and managed healthcare companies that this list should not be used for coding of clinical conditions or as a PMB identifier.

‘The ICD-10 dictionary’ was first published in 2008 with the assistance of various role players in the private medical schemes industry.

Subsequent to 2008, the ICD-10 Master Industry Table (MIT) that is used as the national standard for ICD-10 coding in South Africa, has been updated in accordance with the corrigenda published by the World Health Organization.

As such “The ICD-10 dictionary” published by the Generic Dictionary is not up to date and contains codes that are no longer valid / relevant. Utilization hereof could result in rejections.

Example: A09 Diarrhoea / gastroenteritis Gastroenteritis and colitis of infectious and unspecified origin

The specific code’s description has been changed and a 4th digit was added to provide more clinical information on the specific condition:

A09	<i>Other gastroenteritis and colitis of infectious and unspecified origin</i>
A09.0	<i>Other and unspecified gastroenteritis and colitis of infectious origin</i>
A09.9	<i>Gastroenteritis and colitis of unspecified origin</i>

The ICD-10 Task Team once again reiterates that the only valid ICD-10 coding list that may be used in the private and public healthcare industry is the ICD-10 Master Industry Table published on the National Department of Health website on 1 January 2014.

The MIT is available at the following link: <http://www.health.gov.za/icddoc.php>.

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