

New Human Trafficking Data Collection Fields for Health Care Providers

On June 11, 2018, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) added new data collection fields on human trafficking for federal fiscal year 2019. These 2019 ICD-10-CM codes are to be used for discharges and patient encounters occurring from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Health care providers and hospitals who are seeing an increase in human trafficking cases now have ICD-10-CM codes to adequately differentiate victims of human trafficking from other abuse victims. The Office on Trafficking in Persons and the HHS Office on Women's Health consulted with the CDC and health care provider stakeholders (e.g. American Hospital Association, **HEAL Trafficking**, International Center for Missing and Exploited Children) on strengthening data collection on human trafficking within health care settings.

The CDC added new T codes to report for cases of suspected and confirmed forced labor and sexual exploitation and Z codes for the examination and observation of human trafficking victimization. The 2019 Addenda to the ICD-10-CM List of Diseases and Injuries included:

Under Adult and child abuse, neglect and other maltreatment, confirmed

- T74.5 – Forced sexual exploitation, confirmed
- T74.51 – Adult forced sexual exploitation, confirmed
- T74.52 – Child sexual exploitation, confirmed
- T74.6 – Forced labor exploitation, confirmed

- T74.61 – Adult forced labor exploitation, confirmed
- T74.62 – Child forced labor exploitation, confirmed

Under Adult and child abuse, neglect and other maltreatment, suspected

- T76.5 – Forced sexual exploitation, suspected
- T76.51 – Adult forced sexual exploitation, suspected
- T76.52 – Child sexual exploitation, suspected
- T76.6 – Forced labor exploitation, suspected
- T76.61 – Adult forced labor exploitation, suspected
- T76.62 – Child forced labor exploitation, suspected

Under Encounter for examination and observation for other reasons

- Z04.81 - Encounter for examination and observation of victim following forced sexual exploitation
- Z04.82 - Encounter for examination and observation of victim following forced labor exploitation

Under Problems related to upbringing: Personal history of abuse in childhood

- Z62.813 - Personal history of forced labor or sexual exploitation in childhood

Under Personal risk factors, not elsewhere classified: Personal history of psychological trauma, not elsewhere classified

- Z91.42 - Personal history of forced labor or sexual exploitation

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Read the [CDC announcement of ICD-10-CM](#) .

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