

## Alcohol and Substance Abuse

**In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding Professionals with ICD-10-CM, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent.**

ICD-10-CM distinguishes between alcohol and substance use, abuse, and dependence. New Alphabetic Index entries and Tabular Listing nonessential modifiers now incorporate Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5®) clinical terminology for alcohol and substance use disorders to better align diagnostic terms used by providers with diagnosis descriptions found in ICD-10-CM.

DSM-5 use disorders are characterized by the level of severity and remission status. The table below illustrates the alignment of the two coding classification systems.

ICD-10-CM Description	DSM-5 Description
Use	Use without Use Disorder
Abuse	Mild Use Disorder
Dependence	Moderate or Severe Use Disorder
Dependence in Remission	Moderate or Severe Use Disorder in Early Remission or in Sustained Remission

### Examples:

Severe alcohol use disorder is coded to F10.20.

Severe cocaine use disorder with cocaine-induced bipolar disorder is coded to F14.24.

Reference 2017 Official ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines (CMS.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2017-ICD-10-CM-Guidelines.pdf)

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