

## **Summary of Scope of Changes Expected in ICD-10-AM, Fourth Edition from 1 July 2004**

### **Disease Classification**

The modifications to disease codes incorporate a number of important improvements to ICD-10-AM:

#### ***Review of the Musculoskeletal Chapter (XIII)***

A review of the ICD-10AM Musculoskeletal Chapter (XIII) was undertaken. A number of clinically illogical fifth character codes were deleted. New fifth character codes were created to increase the specificity of existing ICD-10-AM codes.

#### ***Diabetes***

Following the ICD-10-AM Third Edition education sessions and subsequent queries received by the NCCH, minor changes and enhancements were made to the Tabular List of Diseases and Alphabetic Index of Diseases for the classification of diabetes mellitus.

#### ***Review of mental health codes***

A number of fifth character codes were created for existing ICD-10-AM mental health codes (Mental and behavioural disorders, Chapter V) to increase the specificity of the codes and create consistency with ICD-10 Classification of Mental and Behavioural Disorders (WHO).

#### ***Birth Defects***

A public submission was received from the NSW Birth Defects Register (BDR). The BDR suggested an increase in the specificity of a number of codes classifiable to Chapter XVII *Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities* in the Tabular list of diseases in ICD-10-AM, in response to The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (formerly The British Paediatric Association) modification of ICD-10 codes.

#### ***Venom immunotherapy***

A public submission to NCCH suggested new codes to identify specific types of allergen sensitivity. Z51.6 *Desensitisation to allergen* has been expanded to the fifth character to allow specification of the type of allergen to which the patient is being desensitised. X23.2 *Contact with wasps* has been expanded to the fifth character to allow specification of wasp species.

### **Procedure Classification – Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI)**

#### ***Inclusion of The Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary, Seventh Edition***

'The Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary, Seventh Edition' was released for use in 2002. It contained a number of amended, reinstated, renumbered, deleted and new items. Relevant changes to this document have been incorporated into ICD-10-AM Fourth Edition.

#### ***Pain management***

At the Classification Update Forum (CUF) on Anaesthesia, a number of participants noted that the codes for pain management required review. In addition, the NCCH received a public

submission and a number of queries regarding pain management procedures. In response to this, a number of new codes have been created, whilst others have been modified or deleted.

### ***Standardisation of 'tumour' and 'lesion' in block and code titles***

A number of block and code titles have been amended or deleted in order to substitute, where applicable, the more general term 'lesion' for the more specific term 'tumour'.

### ***Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)***

The Fourth Edition of ICD-10-AM will include modifications based on MBS changes from November 2001, May 2002 and November 2002.

### ***Anaesthesia***

Major changes to the classification of anaesthesia were introduced in ICD-10-AM Third Edition in July 2002. Since then, a number of areas have been highlighted, via the Third Edition education process and coding queries, requiring further refinement.

### ***Drug administration***

A review was made of all drug administration codes in ACHI excluding those related to anaesthesia, perfusion and pain management procedures.

### **Australian Coding Standards (ACS)**

A review of all standards in the ACS was performed in conjunction with the addition of new standards, deletion of irrelevant standards and modification of a number of other standards that occurred with the amendments to the Tabular List of Diseases and Tabular List of Procedures .

### **ASCII File**

In response to a request from the AIHW, a new field has been added to the ASCII file as a 'Rare diseases edit'. The purpose of the edit is to help prevent errors in the notification of rare diseases. The AIHW has supplied the NCCH with a list of applicable rare diseases that will be affected by the new edit.