

IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO NEW ICD-9-CM "V" CODES POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 2005

In late 2004 the Economics of Genetics Services Committee announced new ICD-9-CM codes approved for use after October 1, 2004. ACMG has just learned that two of these codes, V26.31 *Screening for genetic disease carrier status* and V18.9 *Family member is a carrier of a genetic disease*, will not go into effect until October 1, 2005. They will be printed in the 2006 ICD-9-CM Manual. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused ACMG members.

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March 23-26, 2006

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- Genetic counselors
- Laboratory geneticists, directors and workers
- Researchers
- Educators
- Physicians of all specialties
- Students
- Clinical nurses
- Public health workers
- Others with an interest in the science and art of medical genetics

Important Dates to Remember

Preliminary Program and Call for Abstracts Released: October 2005

Online Abstract Submission Opens: October 2005

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