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The ICD-10-CM/PCS code files contain the complete list of codes in the diagnosis and procedure code sets. The ICD-10-CM codes are listed in the order in which they appear in the ICD-10-PCS tabular (“tabular order”), which differs from alphanumeric order, and is followed by the full description of the code. `icd10cm_code_2016.txt` contains all ICD-10-CM (diagnosis) codes valid for FY2016.

The ICD-10-PCS codes are listed in the order in which they appear in the ICD-10-PCS tabular (“tabular order”), which is the same as alphanumeric order, and is followed by the full description of the code. `icd10pcs_code_2016.txt` contains ICD-10-PCS (procedure) codes valid for FY2016.

Each line of a code file contains one code, followed by its full description. ICD-10-CM codes vary in length, from 3 to 7 characters long. If the ICD-10-CM code is 7 characters long, there is only one space between the code and its full description. If the code is shorter than seven characters long, there are extra blank spaces between the code and its full description so that all of the ICD-10-CM descriptions line up. All ICD-10-PCS codes are 7 characters long, so there is only one space between each ICD-10-PCS code and its full description.

The length of each line varies, but the total number of characters in a line is never longer than 400 characters maximum. The code file is a “fixed length” file, and the fields are defined the same for the ICD-10-CM (diagnosis) and ICD-10-PCS (procedure) files, as follows:

Position	Length	Contents
1	7	ICD-10-CM or ICD-10-PCS code. Dots are not included.
8	1	Blank
9	To end	Long description