

## ICD-9 code 99.77

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in conjunction with the National Center for Health Statistics has issued a new International Classification of Disease (9th Edition) code for the application and administration of an adhesion barrier.

The ICD-9 code 99.77 (application & administration of an adhesion barrier) will take effect **October 1, 2002**.

" In order to maximize the likelihood of coverage for the use of FDA approved adhesion barrier products it is important that hospitals bill using code 99.77.

" To achieve efficient and effective billing, we encourage all customers to include 99.77 on their charge master forms when billing for FDA approved adhesion barrier products.

" Including code 99.77 in the billing process will allow Payers to evaluate the usage of the products and change payment rates as needed.

Coding for the application of an adhesion barrier will begin to establish the reimbursement process for FDA approved adhesion barrier products such as [Seprafilm® \(Genzyme Biosurgery, Cambridge, MA\)](#), [INTERCEED®](#) and [INTERGEI® \(Ethicon, Inc., Somerville, NJ\)](#).

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