

# What should I do if the ICD-10 code I use is flagged as 'Removed'?

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ICD-10 codes are routinely updated, revised, and sometimes, discontinued by the American Medical Association (AMA).

If one is discontinued, it will be based on the service date.

- For example, if you are using ICD-10 N18.3 for a patient and see in the image below that the code has been discontinued as of 10/01/2020, it will still be valid for dates of service up to 9/30/2020, but it will be invalid beginning 10/01/2020.
- You must specify an additional digit to use a form of the code.

Within the DrChrono EHR, the ICD code search will flag discontinued codes with a "Removed since YYYY-MM-DD" message.

ICD-10	Description
N18.3	
	N18.3: Chronic kidney disease, stage 3 (moderate) <i>Removed since 2020-10-01</i>
	N18.30: Chronic kidney disease, stage 3 unspecified
	N18.31: Chronic kidney disease, stage 3a
	N18.32: Chronic kidney disease, stage 3b

When you receive the "removed" or "discontinued" message for a claim after the discontinuation date, you will need to select a different, more specific code for the claim to be accepted by the payer.

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