

# What are Diagnosis Pointers?

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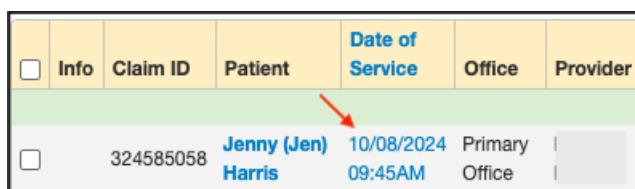
Diagnostic coding (ICD-10) translates written descriptions of diseases, illnesses, and injuries into codes from a particular classification. In medical classification, diagnosis codes are used as part of the clinical coding process alongside intervention codes.

**Diagnosis pointers** are used to link the Diagnosis code to a specific CPT/procedure performed.

There are two ways that you can link a Diagnosis code (ICD-10) to a CPT in DrChrono, one on the **Billing detail** screen and the other through the **Schedule calendar**. Please follow the steps outlined below.

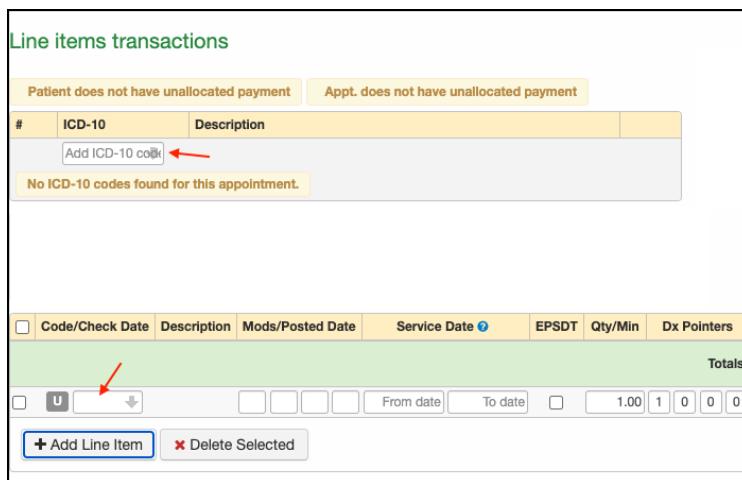
## Option 1: To link a Diagnosis code to a CPT on the Billing detail screen:

1. Hover your cursor on **Billing > Live Claims Feed**.
2. Select the date of service, and it will take you to the Billing Detail Screen.



	Info	Claim ID	Patient	Date of Service	Office	Provider
		324585058	Jenny (Jen) Harris	10/08/2024 09:45AM	Primary Office	

3. Enter the ICD-10 codes and CPT/HCPCS codes on the appointment.



Line items transactions

Patient does not have unallocated payment Appt. does not have unallocated payment

#	ICD-10	Description
		Add ICD-10 code

No ICD-10 codes found for this appointment.

	Code/Check Date	Description	Mods/Posted Date	Service Date	EPSDT	Qty/Min	Dx Pointers
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4. You will be able to link a maximum of 4 primary Dx codes to one CPT as per CMS guidelines and can use a total of 12 Dx codes on an appointment.
5. To link a Dx code to a particular CPT, enter the position of the Dx on the Dx Pointers field corresponding to that CPT, as mentioned in the screenshot.

## Line items transactions

Patient does not have unallocated payment		Appt. does not have unallocated payment	
#	ICD-10	Description	
<input type="button" value="Add ICD-10 code"/>		<input type="button" value="≡"/> <input type="button" value="X"/>	
1	Z00.8	Encounter for other general examination <input type="button" value="X"/>	
2	M54.50	Low back pain, unspecified <input type="button" value="X"/>	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Code/Check Date	Description	Mods/Posted Date	Service Date <small>?</small>	EPSDT	Qty/Min	Dx Pointers
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## Option 2: To link a Diagnosis code to a CPT through a schedule calendar:

1. Navigate to **Schedule > Calendar**

2. Select the appointment and then select the **Billing Tab**.

Schedule Appointment			
Appointment	Billing	Eligibility	Vitals
<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Claim			

3. Enter the ICD-10 codes and CPT codes on the appointment.

4. To link a Dx code to a particular CPT, enter the position of the Dx on the Dx Pointers field corresponding to that CPT, as mentioned in the screenshot.

ICD-10 Codes			Find Diagnosis codes
#	Code	Description	X
1	Z00.8	Encounter for other general examination	X
2	M54.50	Low back pain, unspecified	X

ICD-9 Codes to Convert			Find Diagnosis codes
#	Code	Description	

CPT and HCPCS Codes			Find CPT/HCPCS codes
Type	Code	Description	Price (\$)
CPT	1 99213	OFFICE O/P EST LOW 20 MIN	150.00
Modifiers: --- --- --- ---			
Quantity/Minutes: 1.00			
→ Diagnosis Pointers: 2:1:0:0			

NDC Codes			Find NDC Codes
NDC Code	Quantity	Units	Line Item

Custom Codes			Find Custom Procedure codes
Code	Description	Price (\$)	

5. Select **Save**.

## Limit on diagnosis codes transmitted:

The first 12 diagnoses entered will be transmitted to the payer on the patient's claim. You can enter additional diagnosis codes if they apply; however, only the first 12 will be transmitted.

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