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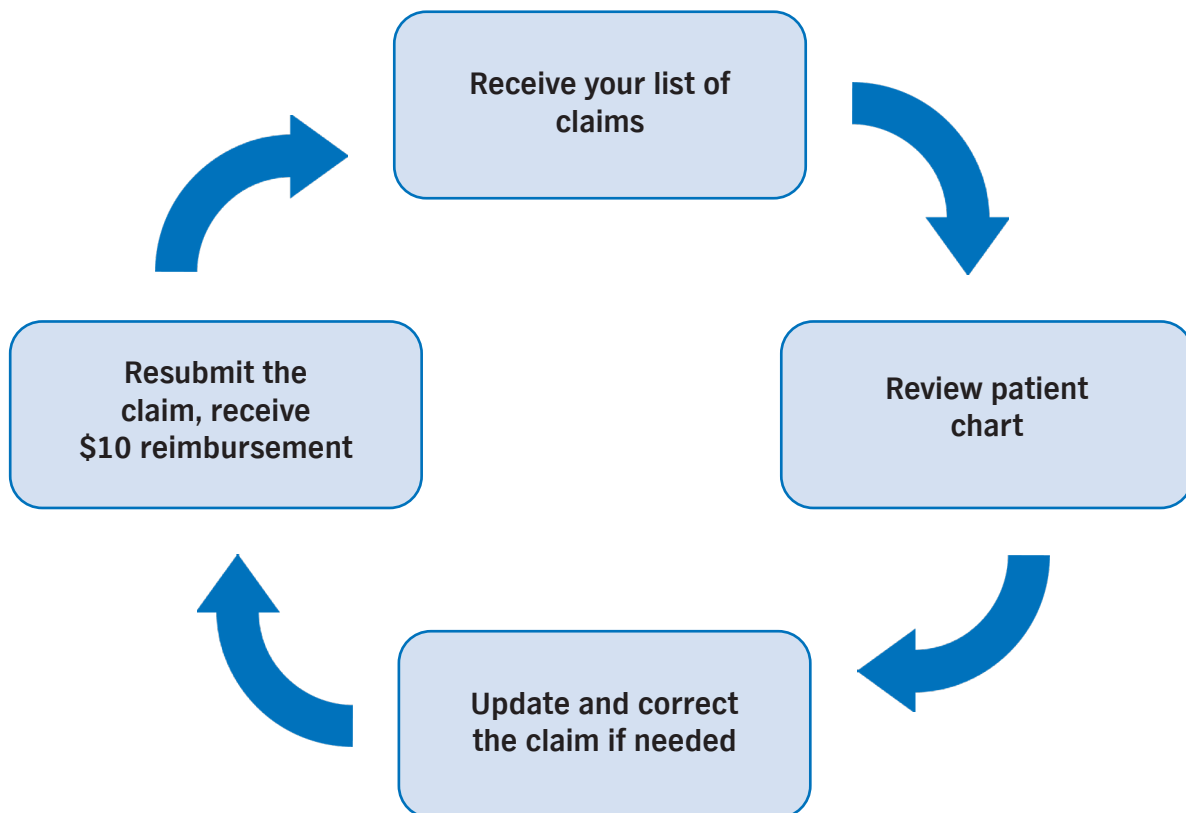
What is diagnosis coding?

Diagnosis coding is important because these codes paint a picture of that patient's health versus burden of illness. An accurate picture of each patient's health impacts both physicians and members in many ways including:

- Patient care.
- Population health.
- Medical necessity.
- Value based care.

Quality care initiatives

2023 Chronic conditions coding opportunity kicks off February 2023:

1. A network provider representative will email your list of claims with suspected diagnosis.
2. The diagnosis was submitted on previous encounter and has not been reported this year.
3. Review each patient on your list carefully to validate the previously reported, condition.
4. If the condition still exists, update the claim ICD-10 code and resubmit before March 23, 2023.

Documenting the medical record

When documenting diagnoses for the patient to include:

- Date.
- Status.
- Complication.
- Associated conditions.
- History of present illness.
- Treatment and plan.

Coding guidelines

Section IV. Diagnostic coding and reporting for outpatient services:

- H. Uncertain diagnoses — Do not code diagnoses that are listed in terms of uncertainty. Code only to the highest degree of certainty based on the medical record.
- I. Chronic diseases — Chronic disease may be coded as many times as the patient receives treatment and care for the condition.
- J. Coexisting conditions — Code all documented conditions that coexist at the time of the encounter/visit and that require or affect patient care treatment or management.

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