

Synergistic Office Solutions, Inc.

ICD-10 Prep Utility

Overview

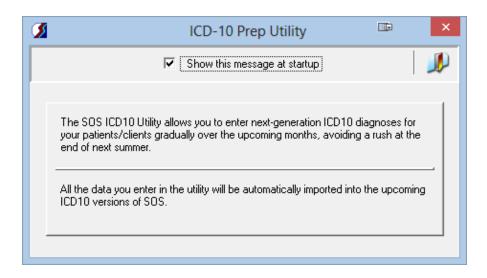
The SOS ICD-10 Prep Utility is provided to SOS customers to assist them to prepare for the transition from ICD-9 and DSM diagnostic codes to the ICD-10 codes that will be required by most Insurance Carriers starting October 1, 2014.

Specifically, the utility will help you select an appropriate ICD-10 code for each of your current codes. It presents the codes currently stored for each patient in SOS and provides fields in which you are able to specify the new code that you want to be used on your claims after the cutover date in 2014. Whenever there is a one-to-one match between your old code and a new code, the utility will default the matching ICD-10 code for you. When there is more than one possible match, it will show you a list of those candidates so that you can select the best one from the group. Matching criteria are those provided by CMS in their General Equivalency Matching (GEM) tables. Finally, if it should be necessary, you can search and select a different code from the entire body of almost 100,000 ICD-10 diagnostic codes.

When you save your choices, they are stored in the SOS database, and when you install an ICD-10 compatible version of SOS, your selected ICD-10 codes for each patient will automatically appear in the records of each patient, ready for insertion in claims for services rendered after the mandatory change-over date.

How to Start the ICD-10 Prep Utility

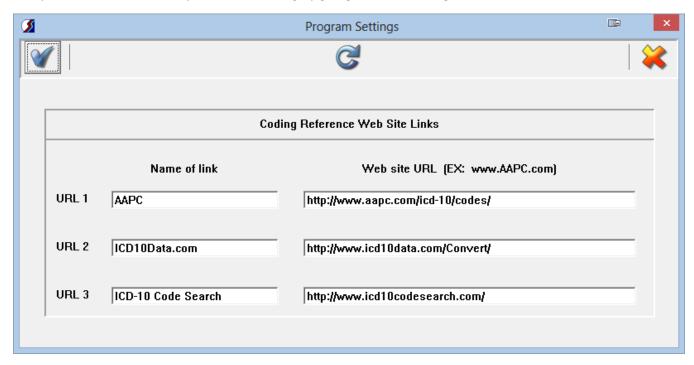
In SOS Office Manager Release 2013.02 or later, go to **Tools** > **ICD-10 Prep Utility**. The utility will launch in a separate window and will display an information window.



Uncheck the box at the top and close the window. A window will appear listing the datasets found in your database. For most, dataset 101 is the main dataset. In any case, the datasets will be listed with both number and licensee name, so select the one in which you want to work.

Coding Assistance Setup

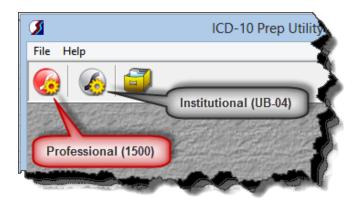
As you try to determine the correct ICD-10 codes, you may find it helpful to refer to one or more internet sites. The coding screens provide for three internet links. We have pre-set the links to three popular sites, but you can easily reset them to three of your own choosing by going to **File** > **Settings** from the main menu:



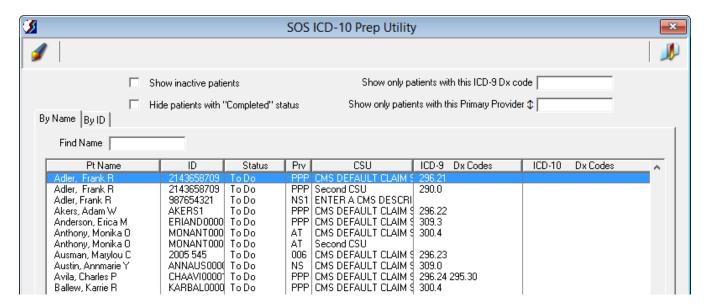
If you change to different sites and subsequently want to return to the defaults, just click the circle-arrow icon in the toolbar at the top of this window.

Working with the Patient-Claim Setup List Window

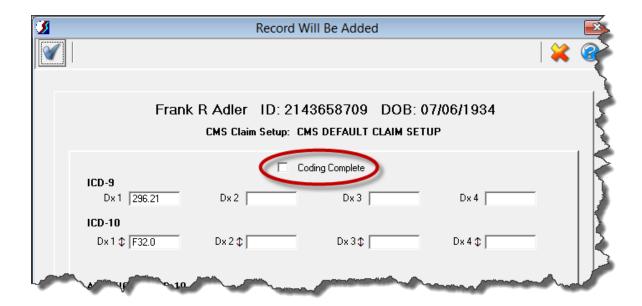
To start working with your data, click the appropriate Claim Setup icon in the main tool bar. Diagnosis codes in SOS Office Manager are, as you know, saved in the Claim Setup window. That is true for both professional claim (CMS-1500) setups and institutional claim (UB-04) setups. Note that only Pro version licensees will see both claim setup icons in the toolbar.



A list window will open. Lite and Standard versions of SOS have just one claim setup per patient, so if you have one of those versions, your list will have only one row in the list for each patient. In the example below, we show how the window looks in a Pro version, with an unlimited number of claim setups for each patient. There will be one row for each claim setup, which is why you see some duplication in the example below.



This window is basically your To-Do list. The available filters are pretty self-explanatory. You can use any combination of the four filters, with the exception of "Hide patients with "Completed" status. When you have finished matching and selecting ICD-10 codes for a row, you can set that row to "Completed" and then use the filter on the list window to hide that row in the list. Theoretically, you would keep working until the list is empty when that filter option is checked.



Setting New Diagnosis Codes

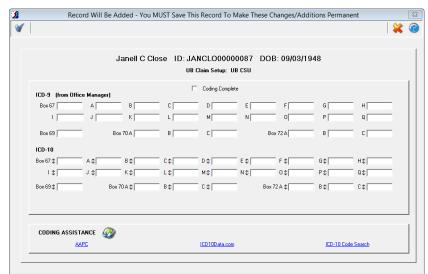
Select a row from the list window. Depending on whether you are working on Professional or Institutional claim setups you will see the appropriate form. The Institutional form has more diagnosis fields, but they function in exactly the same way as described here for the Professional claim setups.

Below is a screenshot of the Professional form of primary interest to most SOS customers. You will notice that while you have fields for only four diagnoses in your Professional Claim Setup screen now, consistent with paper claims through the 08-05 1500 form, the new paper form and the 837 electronic claim format both support up to 12 diagnoses. SOS therefore provides you with the full complement of 12 fields in the Prep Utility and in the future ICD-10 versions of SOS. There is no change in the number of Dx code fields on the Institutional claim setup form, so for every ICD-9 field there is a matching ICD-10 field.

The only other features on the form are the "Complete" checkbox at the top, and the links to coding assistance web sites at the bottom. Below are screenshots for the Professional and Institutional Dx entry forms in the Prep Utility:



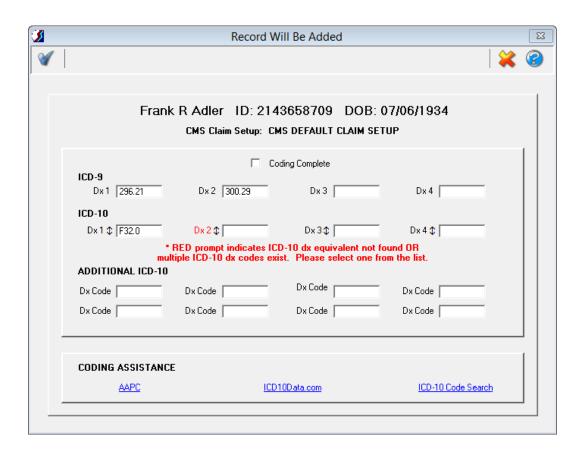
Professional



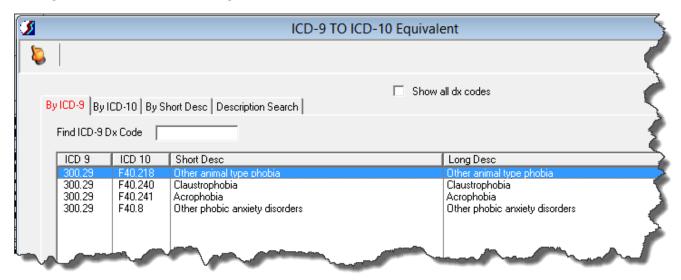
Institutional

In our Professional examples above and below, notice that simply opening the form instantly resulted in the insertion of a suggested ICD-10 code. Whenever the GEM table has only one possible match for the existing ICD-9 code, the utility will insert the GEM match for you. In this example, we have no other ICD-9 codes to match, so we can just check the "Coding Complete" box at the top and click the blue checkmark to save. It is important to understand that the ICD-10 matches inserted by the software **WILL NOT BE SAVED** unless you use the save button! If you want the data in the database to look just like you see on the screen, **be sure to exit by saving with the blue checkmark icon rather than closing the screen with the red X.**

Because the ICD-10 is more fine-grained than the ICD-9, there will be times when your old ICD/DSM code maps to more than one ICD-10 diagnosis. An example is the ICD-9 code 300.29, Phobia. Here is what you would see in that case:

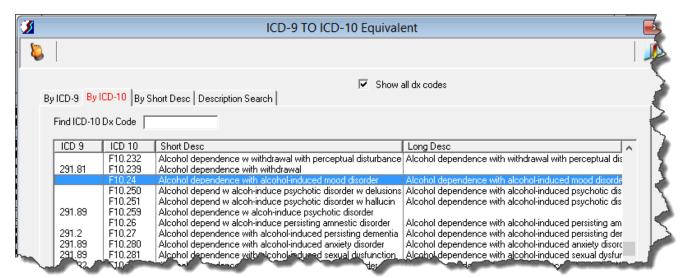


Notice that Dx2 in the ICD-10 section now has a red prompt, and a red warning appears on the screen. Right-clicking the field shows the matching ICD-10 codes in the GEM table:

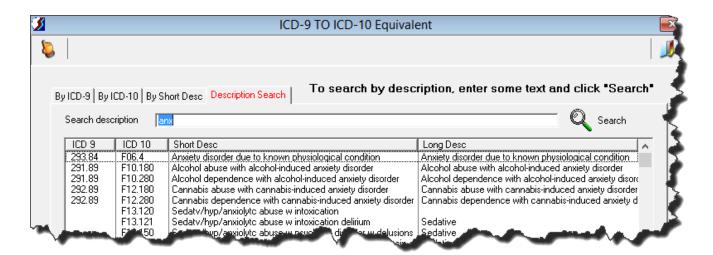


As always when coding for insurance filing, you should always select the most specific diagnosis possible. The more numbers to the right of the decimal point, the more specific the diagnosis. Select the best match from those shown, or, if you want to search the entire ICD-10 list, click the *Show all dx codes* checkbox at the top of

this list. Remember that there are many ICD-10 diagnoses that do not have ICD-9 analogs, in which case the ICD-9 column will be blank:



Click the appropriate tab to search **By ICD-9**, **By ICD-10**, **By Short Desc**, or using the full-text **Description Search**. The short description search is a "begins with" search and works the same way that last name search works in the Active Patient list: type a few letters to find the entries that have a Short Desc value that begins with those letters. The **Description Search**, on the other hand, works by searching the contents of both short and long descriptions and returns those entries that have your search text anywhere in one of those descriptions. In the example below, searching for "anx" returns rows with descriptions that includes "anx" anywhere in them. We therefore get some containing "anxiety", but also some containing "anxiolytc".



Regardless of which tab you use for searching, when you find the one you want, highlight it and click the Select icon in the tool bar at the top of the search window.

If you need further assistance with the ICD-10 Prep Utility, please contact us at support@sosoft.com, or call 352-242-9100 and press option 2.