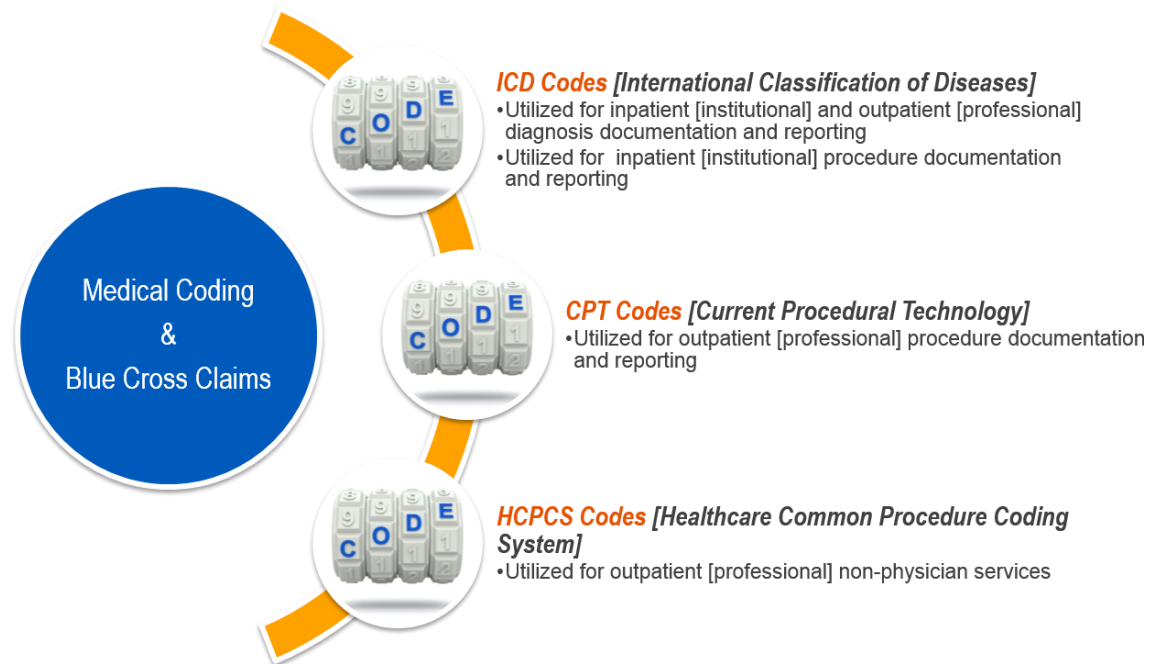


Medical Codes—What's In and What's Out

Every year, Blue Cross processes between 36-38 million incoming claims on behalf of their nearly two million Commercial members and more than one half of one million Government members. Each of these incoming claims will include medical coding indicative of diagnoses identified, services performed and non-physician services [equipment or supplies] utilized in healthcare settings. Currently, medical coding used on Blue Cross claims could be:



ICD-10 [International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition] will replace ICD-9-CM [Volumes 1 and 2] in all healthcare settings—provider and payer—for **diagnosis** documentation and reporting **and** ICD-9-PCS [Volume 3] in all healthcare settings—provider and payer—for **inpatient procedure** documentation and reporting **However, even though ICD-10 codes will replace ICD-9 codes, CPT codes and HCPCS codes will not change.**