

# Documentation and Coding: Huntington's Disease

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At Healthfirst, we are committed to helping providers accurately document and code their patients' health records. This tip sheet is intended to assist providers and coding staff with the documentation and ICD-10-CM selection on services submitted to Healthfirst – specifically for Huntington's disease. It provides information from industry sources about proper coding practice. However, this document does not represent or guarantee that Healthfirst will cover and/or pay for services outlined. Coverage decisions are based on the terms of the applicable evidence of coverage and the provider's participation agreement. This includes the determination of any amounts that Healthfirst or the member owes the provider.

Huntington's disease is a rare, inherited disease that causes the progressive breakdown (degeneration) of nerve cells in the brain.

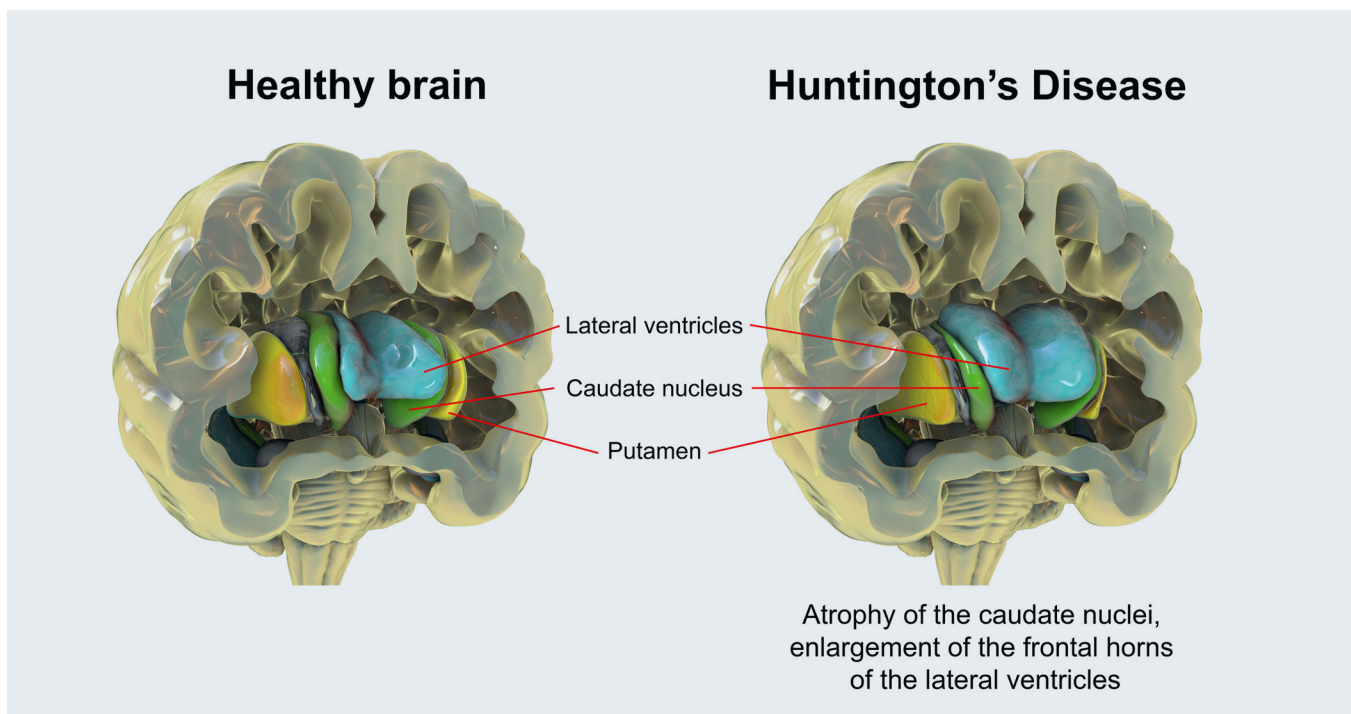
## ICD-10-CM Codes and Descriptions of Huntington's Disease-G10

Includes: Huntington's Chorea and Huntington's Dementia

### Coding Tip

Use additional code to identify:

F02.80 - Dementia in other diseases classified elsewhere without behavioral disturbance



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## Clinical Documentation Should Include

- The onset of Huntington's disease as well as the managing provider.
- Neurological examinations to assess the patient's motor, sensory, and psychiatric symptoms to diagnose and/or indicate the progression of the disease.
- A concise treatment plan linking active related medications and other treatments to the diagnosis.

## Treatment Plan for Huntington's Disease

Medications for Movement	Medication For Psychiatric Disorders	Therapy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Austedo</li> <li>▪ Xenazine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Antidepressants</li> <li>▪ Antipsychotics</li> <li>▪ Mood-Stabilizing Drugs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Occupational Therapy</li> <li>▪ Physical Therapy</li> <li>▪ Physiotherapy</li> <li>▪ Speech Therapy</li> </ul>

## Coding Examples

<b>Case 1</b>	A patient with a known diagnosis of Huntington disease chorea and recent diagnosis of dementia comes in to be evaluated by the neurologist. The patient is experiencing frequent falls and lack of coordination as well as memory loss. The neurologist evaluated the patient and confirmed the patient's symptoms and referred the patient to physical therapy for fall prevention.
<b>ICD-10-CM Codes</b>	<b>G10</b> – Huntington's Disease <b>F02.80</b> – Dementia in other disease classified elsewhere without behavioral disturbance
<b>Rationale</b>	Assign code G10. The patient has been diagnosed with Huntington disease chorea which maps to diagnosis G10 and assign F02.80 for the recent diagnosis of dementia which can be added according to the ICD-10-CM guidance.

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## Coding Examples (continued)

<b>Case 2</b>	A patient with a known diagnosis of Huntington disease chorea comes in to be evaluated by the neurologist for the following conditions: abnormal weight loss, insomnia, and memory loss. The neurologist evaluated the patient and confirmed the patient's symptoms. The provider prescribed medication to address the patient's symptoms and requested to evaluate the patient in three months.
<b>ICD-10-CM Code</b>	<b>G10</b> – Huntington's Disease
<b>Rationale</b>	Assign code G10. The patient has been diagnosed with Huntington disease chorea which maps to diagnosis G10, and the symptoms are integral to Huntington disease chorea.

## Questions?

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For additional documentation and coding guidance, please visit the coding section at [HFproviders.org](https://www.healthfirst.org/HFproviders.org).

## References:

- [ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting](#)
- [CodingClinicAdvisor.com](https://www.codingclinicadvisor.com)
- [Mayoclinic.org](https://www.mayoclinic.org) (Huntington's disease)
- [Verywellhealth.com](https://www.verywellhealth.com) (Huntington's Disease vs. Parkinson's Disease: What Are the Differences?)