



**DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> digits are very important when coding to the highest specificity. Medicare is requiring the highest specificity for all codes. This is especially important with certain codes because it can mean the difference between Diabetes Type II, not juvenile (250.00), Juvenile Diabetes Type I (250.01) and Diabetes Type II, uncontrolled (250.02). Each of these 5<sup>th</sup> digits changes the definition of the code.