Glaucoma Stage Definitions:

Mild or Early stage Glaucoma  ICD9 365.71; ICD 10 7th digit “1”
- Optic Nerve abnormalities consistent with glaucoma
- but NO visual field abnormalities on any visual field test
- OR abnormalities present only on short-wavelength automated perimetry or frequency doubling perimetry

Moderate Stage Glaucoma  ICD9 365.72 ; ICD 10 7th digit “2”
- Optic nerve abnormalities consistent with glaucoma
- AND glaucomatous visual field abnormalities in ONE hemifield and
- NOT within 5 degrees of fixation (note: 5 degrees = involvement of spots nearest fixation)

Advanced, Late, Severe Stage  ICD9 365.73 ; ICD 10 7th digit “3”
- Optic nerve abnormalities consistent with glaucoma
- AND glaucomatous visual field abnormalities in BOTH hemifields
- AND/OR loss within 5 degrees of fixation in at least one hemifield.

Indeterminate Stage  ICD9 365.74 ; ICD 10 7th digit “4”
- visual fields not performed yet,
- patient incapable of visual field testing,
- unreliable/uninterpretable visual field testing

Unspecified: ICD9 365.70 ; ICD 10 7th digit “0”
- Stage not recorded in chart
- Remember to document stage in record!
For Billing purposes in ICD9:
- Code the type of Glaucoma first.
- Code only one Staging Code to reflect the most severely affected eye.
- Staging Codes for Billing are only required as add-on codes to the most common types of glaucoma listed here:
  - 365.10 Open-angle, unspecified
  - 365.11 Primary OAG
  - 365.12 Low-tension glaucoma, normal tension
  - 365.13 Pigmentary glaucoma
  - 365.20 Primary angle closure glaucoma, unspecified
  - 365.23 Chronic or Primary Angle closure glaucoma
  - 365.31 Steroid induced glaucoma
  - 365.52 Pseudoexfoliation glaucoma
  - 365.62 Glaucoma assoc w/ inflammation
  - 365.63 Glaucoma assoc w/ vascular d/o
  - 365.65 Glaucoma assoc w/ trauma

ICD10
For ICD10, not all glaucoma diagnoses require the use of Staging at the 7th digit.
For ICD10, in 2014 some glaucoma codes do not have a laterality digit.

These are the Codes in 2014 ICD10 that do NOT have a laterality digit: Code the Stage for the most severely affected eye, if required in the 7th digit
1. Primary open-angle glaucoma H40.11- (requires Stage digit)
2. Unspecified open-angle glaucoma H40.10- (requires Stage digit)
3. Unspecified primary angle-closure glaucoma H40.20- (Requires Stage digit)
4. Other specified glaucoma H40.89 (Stage is not used)
5. Unspecified glaucoma H40.9 (Stage is not used)