



Western Australian Coding Rule

0613/09 Type 2 Diabetes mellitus with unspecified kidney failure

ACCD Coding Rule ***Diabetes with renal failure, unspecified*** (Ref No: TN196)/NCCH Coding Matters Vol 17(1):4 was retired on 30 June 2013. Documentation of unspecified renal failure/impairment in a Diabetic patient must be clarified with the Clinician prior to code assignment.

WA Coding Rule 0713/05 *Type 2 Diabetes mellitus with unspecified kidney failure* is therefore retired.

DECISION

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[Effective 1 July 2013, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 8th Ed.]



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Would you be able to confirm the correct coding of "unspecified kidney failure in a T2 DM patient"? In this particular case, there was no qualification of the kidney failure, i.e. acute and/or chronic, and we were unable to obtain further clinical confirmation.

We found coding advice for 'Kidney Impairment NOS' published in Coding Advisory Panel Minutes (Friday 19th September 2008, Coding Queries, 6.3 Kidney Impairment NOS) that advises to use E11.29 and N19. Could you confirm if this advice still applies?

A.

The previous WA Coding Advisory Panel 2008 advice is no longer current as it has been superseded by NCCH advice in June 2010 (Coding Matters Volume 17, Number 1) which states:

This is a documentation issue rather than a coding issue. The coder should verify with the clinician whether the kidney failure is acute or chronic to be able to assign either E1-.29 ...*diabetes mellitus with other specified kidney complication*, E1-.22...*diabetes mellitus with established diabetic nephropathy* or E1-.21... *diabetes mellitus with incipient diabetic nephropathy*. Once this is determined then follow the 'use additional code' note to identify the presence of chronic kidney disease (N18.-) as applicable.

DECISION

Documentation of unspecified renal failure/impairment in a diabetic patient should be queried with the clinician as per NCCH advice in Coding Matters, volume 17 number 1. If clarification cannot be obtained, the unspecified kidney failure/impairment (N19) should be coded separately to the appropriate diabetes code(s).

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