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0713/04 Fat graft with spinal surgery

ACCD Coding Rule *Fat graft in spinal surgery* (Ref No: TN409) was retired on 30 June 2013. Amendments to the ACHI Tabular List have been incorporated in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eighth Edition (effective 1 July 2013) to reflect this advice.

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0712/09 Fat graft with spinal surgery

WA Coding Rule 1111/09 *Fat graft with spinal surgery* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Fat graft in spinal surgery*** (Ref No: TN409) effective 1 July 2012; (log in to view on the ACCD CLIP portal).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 1111/09 *Fat graft with spinal surgery* is retired.

[Effective 1 Jul 2012, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 7th Ed.]

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1111/09 Fat graft with spinal surgery

Q.

Is the NCCH decision 1553 regarding Fat Graft with spinal surgery still correct?

A.

Past advice (NCCH decision 1553) is still current.

NCCH decision 1553 states "Fat grafting in spinal surgery may be performed in some instances, i.e. to prevent scarring around the dura, to cover a dural defect or to seal a dural tear. The fat may be harvested through the incision used for the laminectomy or from a separate site remote from the original incision. Clinical advice received by the NCCH is: It is not necessary to code the graft itself as a separate procedure. In cases where the fat is harvested from a separate site, please assign '30168-00 [1666] *Lipectomy, I excision*' as an additional code."

DECISION

The past advice given by the NCCH should be followed and fat graft with spinal surgery should not be coded.

[Effective 16 Nov 2011, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 7th Ed.]

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