

CODEWRITE

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On the CC List: Antimicrobial Resistance Z-Codes

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has added certain antimicrobial drug resistance ICD-10-CM codes to the complication/comorbidity (CC) list, effective with discharges on or after October 1, 2019.

This article will focus on the ICD-10-CM coding of infections resistant to antimicrobial drugs.

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Exceptions in PCS Guidelines

The procedure classification in the United States for inpatient encounters, ICD-10-PCS, is beginning its fifth year on October 1, 2019. With four full years of use, this classification remains in its infancy and the Cooperating Parties have added some exceptions into the guidelines. New this year, the introduction of the guidelines states that the guidelines “are intended to provide direction that is applicable in most circumstances. However, there may be unique circumstances where exceptions are applied.” As always, though, the instructions and conventions will always take precedence over the guidelines. Read on to learn where these exceptions can be found.

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Coding scenarios are often used in articles published in the monthly CodeWrite newsletter. The purpose of including such scenarios in these articles is to:

- Illustrate correct coding in ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, CPT, and HCPCS

- Apply coding principles and guidelines
- Apply concepts of pathophysiology, pharmacology, or medical terminology
- Practice analysis of information from the health record as the source document

The articles published in CodeWrite do not introduce new official coding advice or sequencing instruction, and the articles are not considered authoritative sources of coding advice. Rather, the authors of CodeWrite articles inform readers about where to find relevant coding advice and describe their experiences in applying coding rules, conventions, and guidelines from authoritative sources.

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