



Western Australian Coding Rule

0810/06 Aphasia/Dysphasia

Q.

In 6th edition ACS 0606 advised we were unable to use R47.0 *Dysphasia and aphasia* as principal diagnosis. In 7th edition this standard has been removed. Can we interpret this to mean we can now use this code as the PD in events discharged post 30/6/2010?

A.

The NCCH pre-education booklet states:

“On review of this standard it was found that the information within was unnecessary and not instructional as coders should refer to ACS 0001 *Principal Diagnosis* or ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* to assign R47.0 *Dysphasia and aphasia* as either the principal diagnosis or as an additional diagnosis based on the documentation in the medical record. This standard has therefore been deleted”.

Therefore R47.0 *Dysphasia and aphasia* can be assigned as principal diagnosis from July 1st 2010.

DECISION

Follow ACS 0001 and 0002 when coding dysphasia or aphasia.

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