

Risk Coding Tips and Tools Diabetic Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC) Codes

The diabetes mellitus codes are combination codes that include the type of diabetes mellitus and any conditions that are complicating the disease. Not elsewhere classified (NEC) codes are included within the code set which reference only the body system that the complication is affecting, typically using the term "other".

- Example: DM type II with Other Diabetic Ophthalmic Complications

What to document:

- The TYPE of diabetes:
 - E08, Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition
 - E09, Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus
 - E10, Type 1 diabetes mellitus
 - E11, Type 2 diabetes mellitus
 - E13, Other specified diabetes mellitus
- The specific diagnosis complicating the diabetes
- LINK the condition to the diabetes with verbiage like, "due to" or "with"

Tips for coding NEC codes:

- NEC codes require two codes, one code for the diabetes (type and body system affected), and one code for the complication itself
See Physician Documentation Examples 1 and 2
- If a more specific combination code is available, avoid using the NEC code
See Physician Documentation Example 3

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Physician Documentation Examples

Example 1: No linking verbiage to support the ophthalmic complication.

Assessment

1: E11.39 Type II Diabetes Mellitus with Other Ophthalmic Complications – continue Metformin and low carb diet

2: H40.9 Glaucoma – OU, early stage, seeing Dr. Jones next week

Example 2: Condition is linked and fully supported.

Assessment

1: E11.39 Type II Diabetes Mellitus with Other Ophthalmic Complications – continue Metformin and low carb diet

2: H40.89 Glaucoma – due to DM, OU, early stage, seeing Dr Jones next week

Example 3: More specific combination code available – E10.36 DM Type I with Diabetic Cataract

Assessment

1: E10.39 Type I Diabetes Mellitus with Other Ophthalmic Complications – Stable, managing well with insulin pump

2: Cataracts – due to DM, OU early onset, scheduled for removal of right cataract next month

References:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/fy-2023-icd-10-cm-coding-guidelines.pdf>

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