



Home Care Coding Specialist — Diagnosis for ICD-10-CM (HCS-D ICD-10)

This outline is designed to provide representative examples of the issues covered on the HCS-D ICD-10-CM certification examination. It is not inclusive of every issue addressed within the examination. Exam-takers must understand basic competencies, like the ones listed below.

Basic Coding Concepts

- Selecting principal and other (secondary) diagnoses
- Manifestation coding and conventions for identifying manifestation codes
- Coding conventions, such as a sub-entry, italics, dummy placeholder , NOS, NEC, use of 7th characters, includes and excludes notes
- Coding guidelines, such as use of sign/symptom/unspecified codes, sequelae, laterality
- Appropriate use of V, W, X, Y and Z codes
- Sequencing, including application of coding conventions and critical thinking
- Assignment of comorbidities
- Coding symptoms
- Proximal vs. underlying conditions
- Integral conditions

Application of Coding Concepts to Home Care

- Mandatory multiple coding and Combination coding
- Wounds
 - Trauma wounds
 - Open wounds
 - Skin lesions
 - Surgical wounds
 - Skin ulcers
- Z codes
 - History
 - Status
 - Aftercare
 - Attention
 - Presence
- External Causes of Morbidity (V00-Y99)
- Pain

- Acute
 - Chronic
 - Post-operative
 - Related to neoplasm
- Injury and Fractures (traumatic, pathological)
- Diabetes
 - Primary and Secondary
 - Ulcers
 - Complications
- Neoplasms
 - Primary
 - Secondary
 - Benign vs. malignant
 - Multiple coding and sequencing
 - Complications
- Poisoning and adverse effects
- CVAs
- Medical terminology incorporated into scenarios
- Selecting the primary and other diagnoses from diagnostic statements
- Hypertensive heart or kidney disease
- Heart failure
- Anemia — unspecified and when due to other factors
- Dementia