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0414/09 Delirium on a background of dementia

WA Coding Rule 0613/04 *Delirium on a background of dementia* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule **Confusion or delirium with dementia** (Ref No: Q2649) effective 1 April 2014; (log in to view on the ACCD CLIP portal).

Note: Delirium is not a behavioural or psychological symptom of dementia in F00-F03.

This advice has a minor modification to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Twelfth Edition.

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0613/04 *Delirium on a background of dementia* is retired.

[Effective 1 Apr 2014, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 8th Ed.]

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Q.

Should documentation of 'delirium on a background of dementia' be coded as delirium superimposed on dementia?

A.

We have received clinical advice from the Chief Psychiatrist that the documentation of delirium on a background of dementia can be interpreted as delirium superimposed on dementia.

DECISION

Documentation of delirium on a background of dementia can be interpreted as delirium superimposed on dementia and should be coded to F05.1 *Delirium superimposed on dementia.*

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