



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/12 Aphasia/dysphasia

WA Coding Rule 0810/06 *Aphasia/dysphasia* is retired. Apply ACS 0001 *Principal diagnosis* and ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* when coding aphasia or dysphasia.



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Q.

In Sixth edition, ACS 0606 advised we were unable to use R47.0 *Dysphasia and aphasia* as principal diagnosis. In Seventh edition this standard has been removed. Can we interpret this to mean we can now use this code as the principal diagnosis in episodes 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 aphasia or dysphasia.

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