



Documentation and Coding: Diabetes

Diabetes mellitus (DM) codes are combination codes that are assigned based on the specificity of the documentation. Document all associated manifestation(s) the patient has in order for all appropriate diagnosis codes to be assigned.

When documenting diabetes, specify if applicable:

Type: Type 1 or type 2. Diabetes that is documented without specifying the type is presumed as type 2.

Complications: Such as CKD (include stage), neuropathy (mononeuropathy, polyneuropathy), PVD/PAD, ulcer (type, site, laterality depth), dermatitis, etc.

Evaluative documentation: How each condition is being addressed or treated

Control status: Such as hypoglycemia (E11.649) or hyperglycemia (inadequately controlled, out of control or poorly controlled; (E11.65)

Treatment: Such as insulin use (Z79.4)

Documentation Tips

Type 1 diabetes mellitus with CKD (HCC 18 and 138)

Patient has type 1 DM, well controlled, continue current meds. CKD state 3a, eGFR Is 46. RTO in six weeks for additional bloodwork.

E10.22 Type 1 DM with diabetic CKD
N18.31 Chronic kidney disease, stage 3a (early)

Hypertensive Diabetes (HCC 18 and 19)

Blood pressure taken in the office today shows Continued elevation. Counseled on diet and Medication, discussed risks associated with his diabetic hypertension. Finger stick today shows elevated glucose. Refilled insulin and Metformin.

E11.59 Type 2 DM with other circulatory complications I10 Hypertension
E11.65 Type 2 DM with hyperglycemia
Z79.4 Long term (current) use of insulin

Peripheral angiopathy and DM (HCC 18, 108 and 189)

Diabetic patient returns to clinic for updated referral to specialist for peripheral angiopathy. ABI done here today, left toe amputation site checked, looks good. New referral given

E11.51 Type 2 DM with diabetic peripheral angiopathy
Z89.412 Acquired absence of left great toe

Type 1 DM with polyneuropathy (HCC 18)

66 y/o male presents for foot check. He has type 1 diabetes, poorly controlled, bilateral polyneuropathy.

E10.42 Type 1 DM with diabetic polyneuropathy
E10.65 Type 1 DM with hyperglycemia