Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/59 Booked admission for excision of lesion that has disappeared

WA Coding Rule 1112/05 Booked admission for excision of lesion that has disappeared is retired.

This Rule was for interpretation of the Admission, Readmission, Discharge and Transfer Policy (MP 0058/17); and coders should be guided by this policy and the supplementary document Clinical coding guidelines: Admission for elective procedures not performed (available on the WA Clinical Coding Authority website).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0112/05 Booked admission for excision of lesion that has disappeared is retired.

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0112/05 Booked admission for excision of lesion that has disappeared

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Patient is a booked admission for an excision of a lesion that has disappeared and the patient is already in the procedural unit/theatre. How would this be coded?

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Although the lesion has disappeared, there was a diagnosis made and therefore a reason for the admission. This means that Z71.1 Person with feared complaint in whom no diagnosis is made should not be assigned. Following ACS 0001 Principal diagnosis, Z03.8 should be assigned as principal diagnosis. Z53.8 Procedure not carried out for other reasons should also be assigned (following ACS 0011 Admission for surgery not performed).

DECISION

If a patient is booked for an excision of a lesion that has disappeared and the patient is already in the procedural unit/theatre, Z03.8 should be assigned (ACS 0001). Z53.8 Procedure not carried out for other reasons is also assigned (ACS 0011).

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