Western Australian Coding Rule

0620/05 Cerebral infarction

WA Coding Rule 0113/08 Cerebral infarction is superseded by ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Coding Rule Occlusion or stenosis of (pre) cerebral arteris and cerebral infarction (Ref No: Q3471) effective 1 July 2020; (log in to view on the IHPA Australian Classification Exchange).
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Q.
We have some advice from HDWA from 1999 that states to code both I63 Cerebral infarction and a code from I65 Occlusion and stenosis of precerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction/I66 Occlusion and stenosis of cerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction to show the specific site of the occlusion. Is this advice current?

A.
This previous instruction to double code the occlusion to show the specific site is not correct. Blocks I65 Occlusion and stenosis of precerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction and I66 Occlusion and stenosis of cerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction state Occlusion and stenosis of cerebral/precerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction. Block I63 Cerebral infarction contains codes for cerebral infarctions. This means that a code from I63 should not be coded with a code from I65 or I66.

DECISION
A code from block I65 Occlusion and stenosis of precerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction or I66 Occlusion and stenosis of cerebral arteries, not resulting in cerebral infarction should not be assigned with a code from block I63 Cerebral infarction.

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