Western Australian Coding Rule

0712/10 Diabetes with glaucoma

WA Coding Rule 0709/02 Diabetes with glaucoma is retired.
Coders must follow ACS 0401 Diabetes mellitus and Intermediate hyperglycaemia for classification of Diabetes mellitus and Intermediate hyperglycaemia.

DECISION
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Q.
Patient admitted with Glaucoma who incidentally has Type 2 Diabetes. Patient has BSL done twice once on admission and just prior to discharge. One day stay for trabeculotomy. Am I correct in just coding the Glaucoma H40.9 or do I need also to code the diabetes? I have been told that I should code it to Index, Diabetes with Glaucoma which gives me a code of E11.35. This is glaucoma, neovascular and I do not have this information.

A.
The Diabetes has not met the ACS 0002 Additional Diagnosis definition and therefore you do not code it. The fact that glaucoma is listed in the index under Diabetes with Glaucoma, neovascular E11.35, means that the neovascular is an essential modifier and must be documented. Therefore you are correct in only code Glaucoma H40.9 for this case.

DECISION
Follow ACS Standard 0002 Additional Diagnosis and only code H40.9 Glaucoma. Please make sure that you follow the index and the essential modifier convention.