Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/23 Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care

ACCDC Coding Rule *Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care* (Ref No: Q3265) was retired on 30 June 2019.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019), ACS 1500 *Diagnosis Sequencing in Obstetric Episodes of Care* was amended to provide guidance on assignment of a code from another Chapter to add specificity to a Chapter 15 code.
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0418/04 Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care

WA Coding Rule 1017/06 Conditions and injuries in pregnancy is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care (Ref No: Q3265) effective 1 April 2018; (log in to view on the ACCD CLIP portal).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 1017/06 Conditions and injuries in pregnancy is retired.

[Effective 1 Apr 2018, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10th Ed.]
Western Australian Coding Rule

1017/06 ACS 1521 Conditions and injuries in pregnancy

Q. Does ACS 1521 Conditions and injuries in pregnancy apply to labour and delivery?

A. Interpret the term ‘pregnancy’ in ACS 1521 to include labour and delivery.

Where a nonobstetric condition is documented during labour and delivery and meets the ACS 1521 criteria for complicating pregnancy:

- Assign a code from Chapter 15 Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium for a **nonobstetric condition complicating pregnancy** as per the Alphabetic Index (e.g. Pregnancy/complicated by or condition/in pregnancy or conditions/in pregnancy, childbirth or puerperium)
- Assign a code from another chapter to add specificity to the Chapter 15 code

Example: For maternal exhaustion complicating labour, assign O75.8 Other specified complications of labour and delivery and R53 Malaise and fatigue, following the Index pathways:

Exhaustion
- maternal, complicating delivery O75.8

And

Exhaustion (physical) NEC R53

This is in accordance with the Multiple Condition Coding guidelines in the ICD-10-AM Tabular List: “If, by following the Alphabetic Index, a residual code is assigned (i.e. other or unspecified), do not assign an additional code to further classify the condition unless directed by an Instructional note in the Tabular List or an Australian Coding Standard”. ACS 1521 instructs assignment of an additional code if it adds specificity, hence R53 is assigned.

**DECISION**

ACS 1521 Conditions and injuries in pregnancy applies to labour and delivery. Interpret the term ‘pregnancy’ in ACS 1521 to include labour and delivery.

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