Western Australian Coding Rule

1110/10  Non-invasive ventilation devices

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ACS 1006 Ventilatory Support lists the following devices used for non-invasive ventilation: face mask, mouthpiece, nasal mask, nasal pillows, nasal prongs, nasal tubes and nasopharyngeal tubes. When use of these devices is documented, should non-invasive ventilation be coded?

A.
Use of the devices listed above does not necessarily indicate ventilation - these devices can be used to administer oxygen which is not coded. Non-invasive ventilation involves a machine which assists respiration, which is connected to a device to administer the ventilatory support. Non-invasive are all modalities other than ETT or tracheostomy. Ensure ventilation e.g. CPAP, BiPAP, IPPV etc. is documented before assigning a non-invasive ventilation code.

DECISION
Ensure ventilation is documented before assigning a code for non-invasive ventilation e.g. via face mask, mouthpiece, nasal mask, nasal pillows, nasal prongs, nasal tubes or nasopharyngeal tubes.

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