

Risk Coding Tips and Tools

Multiple Sclerosis

Documenting Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

- The ICD-10 code for MS which was **G35** is now invalid
- Most medical policies require that a patient's MS be documented as either primary progressive or relapsing-remitting to meet medical necessity
- New codes must be used with the Multiple Sclerosis subtype. Codes without subtypes could equal denial
- These new codes allow providers to document MS more precisely, which helps with:
 - Insurance approvals
 - Treatment planning
 - Risk adjustment
 - Clinical research
 - Data tracking

New MS Codes

- G35.A – Relapsing-remitting MS
- G35.B0 – Primary progressive MS, unspecified
- G35.B1 – Active primary progressive MS
- G35.B2 – Non-active primary progressive MS
- G35.C0 – Secondary progressive MS, unspecified
- G35.C1 – Active secondary progressive MS
- G35.C2 – Non-active secondary progressive MS
- G35.D – MS, unspecified

Physician Documentation Example

Example 1:

Patient with relapsing-remitting MS currently experiencing a relapse with new neurologic symptoms including pain with left eye movement, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) showing active lesions.

Provider coded: G35.A and H46.9 – Multiple sclerosis, relapsing-remitting with left optic neuritis 

Example 2:

57-year-old woman diagnosed with MS has been receiving Rituxan infusions and MRI monitoring every six months.

Provider coded: G35.D – Multiple sclerosis, unspecified 

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