

Coding & Documentation

Status Codes¹

Condition status codes are commonly overlooked. It is important to completely document all condition details and assign the correct diagnosis code.

- Status codes indicate that a patient is either a carrier of a disease or has the sequelae or residual of a past disease or condition. The status may affect treatment of other conditions and overall health outcome.
- Status codes should be reported for all encounters that document the status as a factor in medical decision making and/or during a well exam at least once per calendar year as long as the status exists.

Refer to ICD-10-CM Chapter 21: Factors influencing health status and contact with health services.

Amputation

Category Z44 - Encounter for fitting and adjustment of artificial limb

Category Z97 - Presence of artificial limb

- Arm (partial/complete)
- Leg (partial/complete)

Category Z89 - Acquired absence of limb

- Hand
- Toe
- Wrist
- Foot
- Arm
- Ankle
- (Above/below elbow)
- Leg (Above/below knee)

Intervention

Use of:

- Z79.4 Insulin

Presence of:

- Z95.811 Heart assist device
- Z95.812 fully implantable artificial heart

Dependence on:

- Category Z99- respirator/ventilator

Condition/Disease

- **Z21 Asymptomatic HIV/AIDS**
- **Category Z32-Z39- Pregnancy Encounters, Screenings, & Outcomes**

Artificial Opening

Category Z43- Encounter for attention to artificial opening

Category Z93- Ostomy status

- Tracheostomy
- Gastrostomy
- Ileostomy
- Colostomy
- Cystostomy

Transplant

Category Z48- Encounter for aftercare following transplant

Category Z94- Transplant status

- Heart
- Kidney
- Liver
- Bone marrow
- Stem cell
- Pancreas
- Intestine

Note: The educational material provided is for general supplemental purposes only. It is the responsibility of the provider to document accurate and complete codes, clinical rationale, and medical services rendered to support appropriate ICD-10 code(s) according to official billing and coding guidelines, procedures, and regulations.

¹ ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting FY 2020