

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

- Leg (partial/complete)

Category Z89 — Acquired absence of limb

- Toe
- Foot
- Ankle
- Leg (above/below knee)

Dialysis

Category Z49 — Encounter for:

- Fitting and adjustment dialysis catheter
- Adequacy testing

Dialysis Status:

- Z95.11 Noncompliance with renal dialysis
- Z99.2 Dependence on renal dialysis

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

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

Condition/Disease Status

- Z21 Asymptomatic HIV/AIDS
- Z68.41–Z68.45 Adult BMI > 40

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