

Molina Healthcare Coding Education Schizophrenia



DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for: *Schizophrenia*

- A. Two or more of the following, each present for a significant portion of time during a 1-month period. At least one of these must be (1), (2), or (3):
 - 1. Delusions.
 - 2. Hallucinations.
 - 3. Disorganized speech.
 - 4. Grossly disorganized or catatonic behavior.
 - 5. Negative symptoms.
- B. For a significant portion of the time since the onset of the disturbance, level of functioning in one or more major areas, such as work, interpersonal relations, or self-care, is markedly below the level achieved prior to the onset.
- C. Continuous signs of the disturbance persist for at least 6 months. This 6-month period must include at least 1 month of symptoms that meet Criterion A and may include periods of prodromal or residual symptoms.
- D. Schizoaffective disorder and depressive or bipolar disorder with psychotic features have been ruled out.
- E. The disturbance is not attributable to the psychological effects of a substance or another medical condition.

Documentation Example:

Initial Diagnosis:

21 year old college student has stopped attending classes. Friends noticed increasingly bizarre behaviors over 2 weeks. They've overheard him whispering in an agitated voice with no one nearby. He now refuses to answer or make calls on his cell phone, claiming that it will activate a deadly chip implanted in his brain by evil aliens.

Patient accuses parents of conspiring with aliens to kill him so they can remove his brain and put it inside one of their own. Patient drinks beer occasionally but does not abuse alcohol or use drugs.

Family history: Maternal aunt has been in psychiatric hospitals due to erratic/bizarre behavior.

Assessment: Patient experiencing first psychotic episode. Diagnosis of schizophrenia, first episode, (currently in acute episode) can be made given patient's symptoms and family history.

Plan: Start patient on Zyprexa 10 mg daily. Refer for individual therapy and family therapy; consider partial hospitalization program.

➤ **ICD-10 Code:** F20.9, Schizophrenia, unspecified

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Have Questions?

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