Molina Healthcare Coding Education

Diabetes Mellitus with Peripheral Circulatory Complications



When documenting diabetes with peripheral angiopathy or with other circulatory complications:

- Clearly link the diabetes and the circulatory complication
- Document an assessment and plan for both the diabetes and the complication
- Please be sure to use the correct ICD-10-CM code
 - ➤ 179.8 Other disorders of arteries, arterioles and capillaries in diseases classified elsewhere (more specific than 173.9)
 - ➤ 170.209 Unspecified atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities, unspecified extremity

Documentation Examples:

Initial Diagnosis

Assessment: 66 year old male with diabetic peripheral angiopathy. A1C at goal, weak DP pulses bilaterally.

ICD-10: E11.51 Type 2 DM with diabetic peripheral angiopathy without gangrene

Plan: Continue glypizide, begin a statin, check ABIs, continue exercise and monitor.

Established Diagnosis

Assessment: 65 year old female with diabetes with atherosclerosis seen on CT of the leg, no signs of gangrene. 2+ DP/PT pulses, no discoloration or infection of feet, normal capillary refill.

- ICD-10: E11.59 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other circulatory complication
- ➤ ICD-10: I70.209 Unspecified atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities, unspecified extremity

Plan: Continue exercise and monitor.

Have Questions?

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