



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0719/23 Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care

ACCD Coding Rule ***Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care*** (Ref No: Q3265) was retired on 30 June 2019.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019), ACS 1500 *Diagnosis Sequencing in Obstetric Episodes of Care* was amended to provide guidance on assignment of a code from another Chapter to add specificity to a Chapter 15 code.



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## 0418/04 Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care

WA Coding Rule 1017/06 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule **Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care** (Ref No: Q3265) effective 1 April 2018; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

### DECISION

**WA Coding Rule 1017/06 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy* is retired.**

[Effective 1 Apr 2018, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10<sup>th</sup> Ed.]



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## 1017/06 ACS 1521 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy*

### Q.

Does ACS 1521 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy* apply to labour and delivery?

### A.

Interpret the term 'pregnancy' in ACS 1521 to include labour and delivery.

Where a nonobstetric condition is documented during labour and delivery and meets the ACS 1521 criteria for complicating pregnancy:

- Assign a code from Chapter 15 *Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium* for a **nonobstetric condition complicating pregnancy** as per the Alphabetic Index (e.g. *Pregnancy/complicated by or condition/in pregnancy or conditions/in pregnancy, childbirth or puerperium*)
- Assign a code from another chapter to add specificity to the Chapter 15 code

Example: For maternal exhaustion complicating labour, assign O75.8 *Other specified complications of labour and delivery* and R53 *Malaise and fatigue*, following the Index pathways:

Exhaustion

-maternal, complicating delivery O75.8

And

Exhaustion (physical) NEC R53

This is in accordance with the Multiple Condition Coding guidelines in the ICD-10-AM Tabular List: "If, by following the Alphabetic Index, a residual code is assigned (i.e. other or unspecified), do not assign an additional code to further classify the condition unless directed by an *Instructional* note in the Tabular List or an Australian Coding Standard". ACS 1521 instructs assignment of an additional code if it adds specificity, hence R53 is assigned.

### DECISION

**ACS 1521 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy* applies to labour and delivery. Interpret the term 'pregnancy' in ACS 1521 to include labour and delivery.**

[Effective 01 Nov 2017, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10<sup>th</sup> Ed.]