



Home Care Coding Specialist – Diagnosis (HCS-D) Study Outline for 2009 Recertification Exam

This outline is designed to provide representative examples of the issues covered on the HCS-D 2009 recertification examination, which addresses applicable changes for federal fiscal years 2007 and 2008. It is not inclusive of every issue addressed within the examination.

Important Note: The HCS-D exam follows the OASIS Implementation Manual instructions for coding in M0246.

Examination Concepts

Because this is a recertification exam, all test-takers already know to a great extent, and are current with, coding Conventions, Guidelines, concepts such as late effects, sequencing and manifestations. The items listed below are more specific areas to make sure you understand.

Pain codes

CVA

Monoplegia of upper limb related to old CVA

Residuals of a CVA

Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms and Prostate issues

MRSA and drug resistant code(s)

Decubitus ulcer codes

Sequencing of multiple diagnosis to include new code additions within past two years

Correct use of M0246

Case-mix point assignment

Dehydration and proper sequencing

Long-term drug therapy

Review all new codes for 2008 and 2009, including V codes

Some more specific topics for the recertification exam include:

Determining the primary diagnosis

Co-morbidities – expanded list since your last examination

Sequencing

V codes

Aftercare surgical codes

V57 as primary only

Newer V codes – some examples include:

V07.51 Prophylactic use of selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs) – includes Tamoxifen

V12.04 Personal history of MRSA

V13.51 Personal history of pathologic fracture

V15.41 Personal history of traumatic fracture

V45.11 Renal dialysis status

V45.12 Noncompliance with renal dialysis

E codes

Adverse effect versus poisoning

Hypertensive disease and heart failure

Manifestations

Neoplasms

Symptom coding

Disease versus symptom

Symptoms integral to the disease process

Wounds

Ulcers

Surgical

Trauma

Additional new codes