



Home Care Coding Specialist – Diagnosis (HCS-D) Study Outline for 2010 Recertification Exam

This outline is designed to provide representative examples of the issues covered on the HCS-D 2010 recertification examination, which addresses applicable changes for federal fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010. It is not inclusive of every issue addressed within the examination.

Important Note: The HCS-D exam follows the OASIS Guidance Manual instructions and Appendix D instructions for coding in M1024. The exam follows Official Coding Guidelines, as these materials instruct.

OASIS-C Note: The HCS-D will switch over to OASIS-C coding in 2010 with the assessment change, Jan. 1.

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)

Pressure ulcer codes

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

Correct use of M1024

Dehydration and proper sequencing

Long-term drug therapy

Review all new codes for 2008, 2009, and 2010 including V codes

Some more specific topics for the recertification exam include:

Determining the primary diagnosis

Comorbidities

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

V15.52 Personal history of traumatic brain injury

V45.1x Renal dialysis status

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