

Home Health ICD-9/ICD-10 Alert

Reader Questions: Choose Carefully for Joint Revision

Question: Which aftercare code is best suited for a joint revision due to a failed knee or hip?

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Answer: You must code the complication or malfunction of the device (996.0-996.7) in addition to reporting the appropriate aftercare code, V54.81 (Aftercare following joint replacement). Be careful not to leave out the malfunction/complication code, or it will appear as though this was a standard joint replacement surgery.