

## Home Health ICD-9/ICD-10 Alert

### READER QUESTIONS: Gather Details for Retinopathy

Question: How should I code for a patient with nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy?

-- Arkansas Subscriber

Answer: The diagnosis code you report depends on the retinopathy's severity. ICD-9 has several codes to describe the condition.

Do this: Check the medical record to see if you can find any more information on the type of retinopathy.

Then, choose one of the following diagnosis codes:

- 362.03 -- Nonproliferative diabetic retinopathyNOS
- 362.04 -- Mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy
- 362.05 -- Moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy
- 362.06 -- Severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy.

If there is no further information regarding the nature of the nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy, then your coding will be:

- 250.50 -- Diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations, Type II or unspecified type, not stated as uncontrolled
- 362.03.