

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

### Reader Questions: Look To V Codes For Resolved Pneumonia

Question: We are caring for an elderly patient following her hospitalization for pneumonia. The pneumonia has resolved, leaving her weak. She is receiving physical therapy to help her regain strength so she can resume routine activities. How should we code for her?

-- Maryland Subscriber

**Answer:** If the patient is not receiving treatment for the pneumonia, the appropriate code is V12.61 (Personal history of pneumonia).

Because she no longer has pneumonia, you should code the patient's symptoms, such as 780.79 (Other malaise and fatigue) for the general weakness.