

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

### You Be The Coder ... Diabetes Manifestations Challenge Coders

**Question 1:** Mrs. B. is admitted with deteriorating vision due to diabetic retinopathy. She also has chronic hypertension and takes statins as well as oral medication for diabetes. The nurse is to focus on improving oral medication management and teaching adaptations to accommodate the vision problems, as well as monitoring blood pressure and blood sugar results. How would you code this episode?

**Answer:** You should code the following:

1. M0230 - 250.50 (Diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations)
2. M0240 - 362.01 (Background diabetic retinopathy)
3. M0240b - 401.9 (Hypertension, unspecified)
4. M0240c - 369.9 (Unspecified visual loss)

Code diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations as primary, because the patient was admitted due to her diabetic retinopathy, explains **Laresa Boyle**, director of coding services at Longview, TX-based **Healthcarefirst**. The physician did not identify the diabetes as uncontrolled, so use a fifth digit of "0." Then code the hypertension and visual loss. Had this patient been on insulin, you would have added V58.67 (Long-term [current] use of insulin), she notes.

**Question 2:** Mr. J. is a patient with Type 2 diabetes who fell and broke his hip. During his recovery, he developed bilateral heel ulcers. He was treated at a wound care center, but his ulcers worsened. He had a sharp debridement of the right heel, but later developed osteomyelitis. He is receiving home care for wound vac to the right heel following a calcanectomy and care for the remaining decubitus on the left heel. How would you code this episode?

**Answer:** Code the following:

5. M0230 - V58.78 (Aftercare following surgery of the musculoskeletal system, NEC)
6. M0240 - V53.99 (Fitting and adjustment of other device)
7. M0240b - 250.80 (Diabetes with other specified manifestations, Type II)
8. M0240c - 731.8 (Other bone involvement in diseases classified elsewhere)
9. M0240d - 707.07 (Decubitus ulcer, heel)
10. M0245a - 250.80
11. M0245b - 731.8

In this case, the diabetes and its manifestation would go in M0240 because the diabetic osteomyelitis is still an active diagnosis and in M0245 because you need to use a V code in M0230, Boyle explains.

