

## OASIS Alert

### Reader Question: Take A Closer Look At M0210.

Did you know? Codes required in M0240 may be optional in M0210.

Scenario: We are doing a resumption of care OASIS assessment on a patient who has been in the hospital. This patient has a Stage II pressure ulcer on his heel. I think I'm supposed to code for this in M0230/M0240 using first 707.07 (Chronic ulcer of skin, heel) followed by 707.22 (Pressure ulcer, stage II).

**Question:** How should I use those diagnoses in M0210 (List patient's medical diagnosis and ICD-9-CM code categories for conditions requiring a medical or treatment regimen change within the past 14 days)? I have three other diagnoses that require changed medical treatment regimens. There are four lines for these in M0210. Do I need to list both of the pressure ulcer codes from M0230/M0240 in M0210?

Answer: Present coding guidelines do not stipulate that you need to use ICD-9-CM code 707.22 in M0210, says consultant **Marianne Rone** with **Healthcare Provider Solutions** in Nashville, TN. You are correct that you need to put 707.22 in M0240 to identify the stage of the ulcer being treated, she adds.