Top 24 Questionable Encounter Codes

Commonly used ICD-10 codes that will <u>NOT</u> calculate a group payment in PDGM

ICD-10-CM Code	Description	Primary code to use instead
M62.81	Muscle Weakness (generalized)	Query for reason for weakness, such as musculoskeletal disorder, stroke, brain injury, etc.
R00.1	Bradycardia unspecified	Query for underlying cause of bradycardia
R13.1-	Dysphagia codes including unspecified and those which describe phases of	Code underlying disease such as sequela of cerebrovascular disease rather than this symptom code
R26.0	Ataxic Gait	Code underlying cause of ataxia rather than this symptom code
R25.1	Paralytic Gait	Code underlying cause of paralytic gait rather than this symptom code
R26.2	Difficulty walking, not elsewhere classified	Code underlying cause of difficulty walking rather than this symptom code
R26.81	Unsteadiness on Feet	Code underlying cause of unsteadiness rather than this symptom code
R26.89	Other abnormalities of gait and mobility	Code underlying cause of abnormality rather than this symptom code
Z48.89	Encounter for other specified surgical aftercare	Query to ensure aftercare versus a complication such as infection, abscess, or dehiscence and use complication code instead if applicable
R56.9	Unspecified convulsions	Query for disease process causing convulsions
R29.6	Repeated falls	Code the disease process or complication causing falls instead
Z91.81	History of falls	Code the disease process or complication causing falls instead
E08.- Codes	Diabetes due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy	Follow official coding guidance: code first the underlying condition, such as Cushing's syndrome or Cystic Fibrosis
I25.2	Old myocardial infarction	This includes all MI's with acute onset more than four weeks ago. If patient is still having symptoms, query and use underlying condition such as coronary artery disease.
I95.9	Hypotension, unspecified	Query to determine underlying cause of hypotension
Codes ending in "9"	Multiple codes are excluded that end with the character "9". These codes indicate unspecified sites, or unspecified diseases	Query the provider for specific disease information. Remember, visiting clinicians can determine the site of the issue (L or R) and verify information with the provider. All diagnosis information must be supported by provider or facility documentation.
C34.10	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung	Review clinician documentation to locate which lung is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
C34.30	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, unspecified bronchus	Review clinician documentation to locate which lung is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
C56.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified ovary	Review clinician documentation to locate which ovary is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
C65.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified renal pelvis	Review clinician documentation to locate which renal pelvis is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
G03.9	Meningitis, unspecified	Query provider to determine type of meningitis
I69.30	Unspecified sequelae of cerebral infarction	Query assessing clinician for types of locations of sequela and/or query provider to confirm findings or types
I70.239	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of right leg with ulceration of unspecified site	Query clinician for location on leg and/or query provider for location of ulceration
I70.249	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with ulceration of unspecified site	Query clinician for location on leg and/or query provider for location of ulceration