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HLTCCD008 Undertake highly complex clinical coding

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Release 2 HLTCCD008 Undertake highly complex clinical coding supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1 HLTCCD008 Undertake highly complex clinical coding. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 1	HLTCCD008 Undertake highly complex clinical coding supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTADM007 Complete highly complex clinical coding.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to complete coding of highly complex patient health care records with an advanced understanding of coding conventions, standards and practices in an extensive case-mix.

This unit applies to clinical coders who take responsibility for their own outputs, as well as mentoring other clinical coders as required. Work may be performed as an individual or as part of a team under limited supervision.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Note: Units marked with an asterisk* include one or more prerequisite units. Refer to unit of competency for prerequisite requirements.

Unit code	Unit title
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HLTCCD007 *	Undertake moderately complex clinical coding
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Competency Field

Clinical Coding

Unit Sector

Health Administration

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Abstract clinical data from highly complex patient health care records.

2. Assign codes relating to highly complex patient health care records.

3. Provide clinical coding expertise in the workplace.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1. Abstract conditions, diseases or procedures from highly complex patient health care records from a range of specialties.
- 1.2. Interpret and apply the Australian coding standards (ACS) to ensure correct assignment of clinical codes when interpreting information from a highly complex case-mix.
- 1.3. Identify the principal diagnosis for an admission and any additional diagnoses when applying codes to highly complex cases.
- 1.4. Identify interventions when coding a highly complex case-mix.

- 2.1. Assign diagnosis and intervention codes according to current classification indices, standards and conventions.
- 2.2. Determine sequencing of diagnoses codes according to current classification standards and conventions.
- 2.3. Assign condition onset flag (COF).
- 2.4. Determine sequencing of intervention codes according to current classification standards and conventions.
- 2.5. Use resources to assist in making coding decisions.
- 2.6. Complete assigning of codes from highly complex patient health care records.
- 2.7. Review and validate Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) assigned to episode of care.

- 3.1. Share clinical coding expertise in discussions within the coding unit.
- 3.2. Provide mentoring support for clinical coders.
- 3.3. Supervise and select patient health care records for clinical coders according to their ability.
- 3.4. Conduct research to generate solutions to address clinical coding issues.

- 3.5. Oversee the submission process for coding queries through jurisdictional or national governance bodies.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>