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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.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- use current coding manuals and standards to produce coded clinical data from highly complex patient health care records for at least five episodes of care for each of the following:
 - infectious and parasitic diseases
 - neoplasms
 - diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism
 - endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
 - mental and behavioural disorders
 - diseases of the nervous system
 - diseases of the eye and adnexa
 - diseases of the ear and mastoid process
 - diseases of the circulatory system
 - diseases of the respiratory system
 - diseases of the digestive system
 - diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
 - diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue
 - diseases of the genitourinary system

- pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium conditions originating in the perinatal period including congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
- symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings not elsewhere classified
- injury, poisoning and causes of morbidity and mortality
- for each of the above patient records:
 - identify coding issues and address according to organisational policies and procedures
 - identify and use resources to assist with highly complex clinical coding requirements.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- characteristics of a highly complex casemix:
 - multiple conditions with underlying problems and high severity of illness
 - multiple medical and surgical complications, adverse complications or complications arising from surgery
 - multiple injuries or accidents
 - complex or staged surgery
- broad health industry context for clinical coding including the relationship between clinical coding, other classifications and uses of coded data
- definition of a clinical coder and clinical coding, and the purpose of coded data
- current codes of practice and guidelines in relation to clinical coding, including professional ethics
- Australian and relevant State or Territory clinical coding standards, protocols and specialty coding rules
- application of rules and conventions to clinical data for coding
- sequencing protocols for principal and additional diagnoses and interventions
- timeframes within which clinical coding must take place
- classifications and medical vocabulary used in clinical coding
- sources of information relating to changes to clinical coding requirements
- resources used to solve clinical coding problems
- mentoring and supervision techniques applicable to the clinical coding environment
- submission process for coding queries through jurisdictional or national governance bodies.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- real-life patient health care records or de-identified real patient health care records either electronic or hard copy, that reflect current clinical practice
- highly complex patient health care records to include multiple condition reason for admission with multiple co-morbidities or multiple complications including:
 - multiple condition reason for admission with the need for multiple interventions or ventilation:
 - major trauma.
 - multiple burns
 - mechanical ventilation
 - deliveries with multiple complications
 - preterm babies < 1500g or < 32 weeks
 - head and neck surgery
 - organ transplants
 - gastrointestinal bypass
 - major reconstructive surgery
 - unclear principal diagnosis
 - examples of poor documentation to define appropriate clinical code assignment
 - multiple procedural complications or adverse effects of treatment
 - patient health care records from relevant clinical specialities
- current Australian coding classification, medical dictionary or other equivalent medical resource
- organisational policies and procedures
- National and State or Territory legislation relevant to clinical coding
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including:
 - presence of time constraints for coding activities
 - integration of situations requiring problem solving

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c3d1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>