

Molina Healthcare Coding Education Lower Extremity Amputations



Do I need an evaluative statement if a patient has an amputated limb?

Yes! Some examples:

- **Well-healed**
- **Skin intact**
- **Asymptomatic**
- **Stable**
- **Worsening pain**

Please Note:

The following are NEVER considered compliant evaluative statements:

- **Chronic**
- **Routine**
- **Acute**
- **Unchanged**
- **Mild**
- **Moderate**
- **Severe**

All HCC diagnoses require a logic (for initial Dx) or evaluative (for subsequent Dx) statement, which indicates the condition was addressed during the face-to-face visit. This includes, but is not limited to, a discussion with the patient or physical examination.

Examples of Proper Documentation:

A/P:

- 52 year old male in a tractor accident

Assessment: S/P right middle toe amputation, well-healed sutures intact

Plan: Follow-up with physical therapy

➤ **ICD-9 Codes:**

- **V49.72** Lower limb amputation status, Other toe(s)

➤ **ICD-10 Codes:**

- **Z89.421** Acquired absence of other right toe(s)

A/P:

- 64 year old female with right leg amputation

Assessment: S/P RLE BKA, worsening pain

Plan: Start pain management

➤ **ICD-9 Codes:**

- **V49.75** Lower limb amputation, below knee

➤ **ICD-10 Codes:**

- **Z89.511** Acquired absence of right leg below knee

Have Questions?

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