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For the National Minimum Data Set for Community Mental Health Care and National Minimum Data Set for Residential Mental Health Care:

Codes can be used from ICD-10-AM or from The ICD-10-AM Mental Health Manual: An Integrated Classification and Diagnostic Tool for Community-Based Mental Health Services, published by the National Centre for Classification in Health in 2002.

Verification Rules: As a minimum requirement the Principal diagnosis code must be a valid code from the current edition of ICD-10-AM.

For episodes of admitted patient care, some diagnosis codes are too imprecise or inappropriate to be acceptable as a principal diagnosis and will group to 951Z, 955Z and 956Z in the Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups, Version 4.

Diagnosis codes starting with a V, W, X or Y, describing the circumstances that cause an injury, rather than the nature of the injury, cannot be used as principal diagnosis. Diagnosis codes which are morphology codes cannot be used as principal diagnosis.

Collection Methods: A principal diagnosis should be recorded and coded upon separation, for each episode of patient care. The principal diagnosis is derived from and must be substantiated by clinical documentation.

Admitted patients: where the principal diagnosis is recorded prior to discharge (as in the annual census of public psychiatric hospital patients), it is the current provisional principal diagnosis. Only use the admission diagnosis when no other diagnostic information is available. The current provisional diagnosis may be the same as the admission diagnosis.

Residents: The principal diagnosis should be recorded and coded upon the end of an episode of residential care (i.e. annually for continuing residential care).

Related metadata: relates to the data element Diagnosis related group version 1 is used in the derivation of NHDD Major diagnostic category version 1
is an alternative to Nature of main injury - non-admitted patient version 1
is an alternative to Bodily location of main injury version 1
relates to the data element External cause - human intent version 4
relates to the data element External cause - admitted patient version 4
supersedes the data element Principal diagnosis version 3

