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0716/08 Incision and drainage of abscess with curettage

WA Coding Rule 0915/07 *Incision and drainage of abscess with curettage* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Incision and drainage of abscess with curettage*** (Ref No: Q3001) effective 1 July 2016; (log in to view on the ACCD CLIP portal).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0915/07 *Incision and drainage of abscess with curettage* **is retired.**

[Effective 01 July 2016, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 9th Ed.]

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Q.

How should I&D of an abscess, with curettage be coded?

A.

There is no Index entry in ACHI for incision and drainage of an abscess with curettage. Using the lead term of 'curettage', there is no entry for 'abscess'. No other options in this Index pathway are suitable. Assignment of other procedure codes would require use of lead terms and essential modifiers that have not been documented.

It is unclear whether curettage is inherent in an incision and drainage of abscess code, or whether it is a significant additional procedure and so requires a specific code.

DECISION

This query will be sent to the ACCD for clarification.
In the interim, coders should only assign 30223-01 [1606] *Incision and drainage of abscess of skin and subcutaneous tissue* **for documentation of incision and drainage of an abscess with curettage.**

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