Government of **Western Australia**
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Western Australian Coding Rule

1010/03   Jaundice COF assignment

Q.

Can we be provided with guidelines to determine when jaundice is assigned COF 1? For example, jaundice noted day 1 but not at birth - can we assign COF 1?

A.

ACS 0048 *Condition Onset Flag* example 5 states jaundice "developed on the second day" is assigned condition onset flag "1". If the baby develops jaundice day one, check the documentation carefully to ensure it clearly was not present on admission. If there is any uncertainty, assign the default condition onset flag "2".

DECISION
If there is any uncertainty about whether jaundice was present at birth, assign the default condition onset flag "2".

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