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Documentation and Coding: Pulmonary Fibrosis

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At Healthfirst, we are committed to helping providers accurately document and code their patients' health records. This tip sheet is intended to assist providers and coding staff with the documentation and ICD-10-CM selection on services submitted to Healthfirst—specifically for common types of **pulmonary fibrosis**. It provides information from industry sources about proper coding practice. However, this document does not represent or guarantee that Healthfirst will cover and/or pay for services outlined. Coverage decisions are based on the terms of the applicable evidence of coverage and the provider's participation agreement. This includes the determination of any amounts that Healthfirst or the member owes the provider.

ICD-10-CM Codes and Descriptions

ICD-10-CM	Description
J84.10†	Pulmonary fibrosis, unspecified
J84.112	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
J84.178	Other interstitial pulmonary diseases with fibrosis in diseases classified elsewhere Note: Code first underlying disease, such as: ▪ progressive systemic sclerosis (M34.0) ▪ rheumatoid arthritis (M05.00-M06.9) ▪ systemic lupus erythematosis (M32.0-M32.9)

† Use only in the event no other code describes the condition.

Treatment

Treatment for Pulmonary Fibrosis				
Supplemental Oxygen	Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Symptom Management	Medication	Lung Transplantation

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Diagnostic Testing

Imaging Test	Lung Function Test	Tissue Sample (Biopsy)	Bood Test
▪ Chest X-ray ▪ CT Scan ▪ Echocardiogram ▪ Bronchoscopy	▪ Pulmonary Function Test ▪ Pulse Oximetry ▪ Exercise Stress Test ▪ Arterial Blood Gas Test	▪ Surgical Biopsy	▪ Providers may order test to evaluate patient's liver and kidney function

Clinical Documentation

Clinical Documentation Should Include:	
Status of Condition	▪ Stable, Improved, Worsening
Risk Factors	▪ Personal History, Family History, Environmental, Medications, Radiation, Occupational
Link Associated Conditions with Terms	▪ Due to, Secondary to, or Associated with
Treatment Plan	▪ Family and/or individual counseling ▪ Diagnostic testing ▪ Specify root cause of pulmonary fibrosis

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Coding Tips

The conditions listed below are inclusive of the following terms when coding:

Codes	Conditions
J84.10	▪ Capillary fibrosis of lung ▪ Cirrhosis of lung (chronic) NOS ▪ Fibrosis of lung (atrophic) (chronic) (confluent) (massive) (perialveolar) (peribronchial) NOS ▪ Induration of lung (chronic) NOS ▪ Post-inflammatory pulmonary fibrosis
J84.112	▪ Cryptogenic fibrosing alveolitis ▪ Idiopathic fibrosing alveolitis
J84.114	▪ Hamman-Rich syndrome
J68.1	▪ Pulmonary edema due to chemicals, gases, fumes, and vapors

Pulmonary fibrosis due to

- Inhalation of chemicals, gases, fumes, or vapors (**J68.4**)
- Pulmonary fibrosis following radiation (**J70.1**) should ***never*** be coded with **J84.10** or **J84.112**

Coding Example

Case 1	ICD-10-CM	Rationale
65-year-old man with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis returns to the office for a follow-up visit. Last visit he reported having dyspnea when walking two blocks, which is now resolved. He is currently taking pirfenidone and states he is compliant. He has no other complaints. Patient instructed to return for follow-up in one month.	**J84.112** – idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Provider documented patient has idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and is actively being treated with pirfenidone.

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Questions?

Contact us at **#Risk_Adjustments_and_clinical_Documentation@healthfirst.org**.

For additional documentation and coding guidance, please visit the coding section at **HFproviders.org**.

References

- CodingClinicAdvisor.com
- ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, FY 2023
- Understanding All Types of Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Treatment Options

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