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Lymphoma

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 **Lymphoma**. 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 the 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 amount that Healthfirst or the member owes the provider.

Lymphoma has two main types: Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and is discerned by the types of cells that are involved. The **presence of Reed-Sternberg cells** is an indicator of Hodgkin's disease or lymphoma diagnosis.

Lymphoma Diagnosis Codes and Descriptions

ICD-10-CM	Description	ICD-10-CM	Description
C81.0*	Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin Lymphoma	C84.0*	Mycosis fungoides
C81.1*	Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin Lymphoma	C84.1*	Sezary disease
C81.2*	Mixed cellularity Hodgkin Lymphoma	C84.4*	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not elsewhere classified
C81.3*	Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin Lymphoma	C84.6*	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive
C81.4*	Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin Lymphoma	C84.7*	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative
C81.7*	Other Hodgkin lymphoma	C84.A*	Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, unspecified
C81.9*	Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified	C84.Z*	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas

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ICD-10-CM	Description	ICD-10-CM	Description
C82.0*	Follicular lymphoma grade I	C84.9*	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified
C82.1*	Follicular lymphoma grade II	C85.1*	Unspecified B-cell lymphoma
C82.2*	Follicular lymphoma grade III, unspecified	C85.2*	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma
C82.3*	Follicular lymphoma grade IIIa	C85.8*	Other specified types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
C82.4*	Follicular lymphoma grade IIIb	C85.9*	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified
C82.5*	Diffuse follicle center lymphoma	C86.0*	Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type
C82.6*	Cutaneous follicle center lymphoma	C86.1*	Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma
C82.8*	Other types of follicular lymphoma	C86.2*	Enteropathy-type (intestinal) T-cell lymphoma
C82.9*	Follicular lymphoma, unspecified	C86.3*	Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma
C83.0*	Small cell B-cell lymphoma	C86.4*	Blastic NK-cell lymphoma
C83.1*	Mantle cell lymphoma	C86.5*	Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma
C83.3*	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	C86.6*	Primary cutaneous CD30-positive T-cell proliferations
C83.39*	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites	C88.0*	Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia
C83.5*	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma	C88.2*	Heavy chain disease
C83.7*	Burkitt lymphoma	C88.3*	Immunoproliferative small intestine disease
C83.8*	Other non-follicular lymphoma	C88.4*	Extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue [MALT-lymphoma]
C83.9*	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified	Z85.71	Personal history of Hodgkin lymphoma

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ICD-10-CM	Description	ICD-10-CM	Description
Z85.72	Personal history of non-Hodkin lymphomas	Z85.79	Personal history of other malignant neoplasms of lymphoid, hematopoietic, and related tissues

**Requires additional digits to complete the code.*

Lymphoma In Remission Diagnosis Codes & Descriptions

61 new codes have been created to expand the **C81.0-C.88.9** subcategories to capture “remission” status of different types of lymphoma, **below are examples of those codes:**

ICD-10-CM	Description
C81.0A	Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma, in remission
C81.1A	Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, in remission
C81.2A	Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, in remission
C81.3A	Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, in remission
C81.4A	Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, in remission
C81.7A	Other Hodgkin lymphoma, in remission
C81.9A	Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, in remission

Documentation Recommendations

Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma• Classical Hodgkin lymphoma• Mature T/NK-cell lymphoma• Identify subtype• Lennert's• Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma• Unspecified B-cell lymphoma
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Site of Lymphomatous Lymph Nodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head, face & neck• Intrathoracic• Intra-abdominal• Axilla & upper limb• Inguinal region & lower limb• Intrapelvic• Multiple sites• Extranodal & solid organ sites• Spleen• Unspecified site
Status of Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active/current• In remission• Personal history of• Recently diagnosed• Awaiting treatment
Diagnostic Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CT scan• PET scan• Biopsy• MRI• Blood tests• Bone marrow aspiration/Biopsy
Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radiation therapy• Proton therapy• Chemotherapy• Targeted therapy• Car-T cell therapy and other immune therapy• Stem-cell transplantation

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Coding Tips:

- When cancer has been surgically removed but additional surgery, radiation therapy or chemotherapy is directed to that site, the active cancer code should be reported until treatment is completed.
- When cancer has been surgically removed, there is no evidence of any existing cancer, and no further treatment is documented, a code from category **Z85**, Personal history of malignant neoplasm, should be appropriately reported.
- Do not use words that imply uncertainty (“likely,” “probable,” “apparently,” “consistent with,” etc.) to describe a current or confirmed diagnosis in the outpatient setting.

Coding Example

Provider Documentation	Patient is seen for breast implant associated with anaplastic large cell lymphoma (BIA-ALCL) diagnosed after a needle biopsy. She had surgical removal of the implants and capsules and is currently in remission.
Diagnosis Reported	C84.7B, Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, in remission
Rationale	According to ICD-10-CM Guidelines, a complication code from chapter 19 should not be assigned when breast implant associated BIA-ALCL is documented, but rather the code above to capture the specified diagnosis reported by provider is available.

References

- [Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Coding Manual Published November 2024](#)
- [Hodgkin's vs. non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: What's the difference? - Mayo Clinic](#)
- [ICD-10-CM Guidelines FY25 October 1 2024](#)
- [Hodgkin Lymphoma: Symptoms, Causes & Treatment](#)
- [Questions and Answers about Breast Implant-Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma \(BIA-ALCL\) | FDA](#)

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Questions?

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