Documentation and Coding

Presence Of Artificial Leg

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 **Presence of an Artificial Leg**. 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.

The **Presence of an Artificial Leg**, also known as a prosthetic leg, is an artificial device that mimics the function of natural legs to help those who have had amputations or loss of limb, continue to perform daily activities independently.

Diagnosis Codes and Descriptions

ICD-10-CM	Description
Z97.13	Presence of artificial right leg (complete) (partial)
Z97.14	Presence of artificial left leg (complete) (partial)
Z97.16	Presence of artificial legs, bilateral (complete) (partial)

Clinical Documentation Recommendations

Identify Cause	• **Amputation Etiology** • **Trauma** • **Chronic Illness i.e., Vascular Disease** • **Severe Infection** • **Birth Defect**
Laterality	• Right • Left • Bilateral
Status of Condition	• Improved • Stable • Worsening • Any Complications • Delayed Healing • Patient Adjustment to Prosthetic Device
Physical Exam	• Indicate Laterality • Patient Range of Motion (ROM) • Condition of Prosthetic Device • Wear or Tear of Device • Mental Status Exam
Assessment	• Physical Therapy • Rehabilitation • Counseling • Improvements or Limitations to: • Activities of Daily Living • Mobility • Referrals for Care • Care Goals

Coding Tips:

- Status of conditions should be coded and reported annually for Risk Adjustment purposes.
- Codes from categories **Z44-Z46**, fitting and adjustment of prosthetic and other devices, may be coded also when applicable, with category **Z97.1*,** Presence of artificial limb.
- Codes from category **Z89*,** acquired absence of limb, may be coded also when applicable, with category **Z97.1*,** Presence of artificial limb.
- Do not use category codes **T82-T85** complications of internal prosthetic device, implants, and grafts with codes found at category **Z97.1*,** Presence of artificial limb.

Coding Example:

Case 1	A 69-yr-old male patient is seen today for **adjustment of partial artificial prosthetic device of right leg.** Previous surgical history includes **right BKA** due to noninsulin dependent **Type 2 diabetes**. Diabetic complications of **peripheral vascular disease, and end stage renal disease**. On the exam prosthetic device shows irreparable wear and tear, prescription for new device placed today.
Applicable ICD-10-CM Codes	**E11.51**, Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic peripheral angiopathy without gangrene **E11.22**, Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic chronic kidney disease **N18.6**, End stage renal disease **Z89.511**, Acquired absence of right leg below knee **Z44.121**, Encounter for fitting and adjustment of partial artificial right leg **Z97.13**, Presence of artificial right leg (complete) (partial)

*Requires additional digits to complete the code.

References

- **[ICD-10 Coding Guidelines](#)**
- **[Overview of Limb Prosthetics | Merck Manuals](#)**

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