

HCC Codes and Documentation - Extended

Autistic Disorders

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Documentation tips

Avoid terms such as "history of" if patient is still being monitored for the condition.

- Incorrect wording: Patient has history of autism.
- CORRECT wording: Patient has autism with stable symptoms and continues therapy.

The following language supports actively monitoring [any] condition and must be documented by the provider. In the documentation, mention:

- If the patient is receiving therapy
- Getting a refill on medication
- The status of the condition

Use additional codes to identify any associated medical condition such as: Constipation, Sleep Problems, Poor coordination of muscles, genetic mutations, encephalopathy, epilepsy, depression, etc.

Terms and symptoms to include in diagnosis

- Severity of ASD symptoms
- Pattern of onset and clinical course (such as therapy medication or status of condition)
- Etiologic factors
- Cognitive abilities (IQ)