

## Hepatic Encephalopathy

There is not a specific ICD-10 code for *hepatic encephalopathy*.

Hepatic encephalopathy will map to one of the codes for *hepatic failure*. The key for documentation purposes is to have the provider specify if the hepatic encephalopathy is **acute** and whether or not there is **associated coma**.

- **Acute hepatic encephalopathy with coma** will code to *K72.01, acute and subacute hepatic failure with coma*, which supports maximal illness in the chart (is an MCC).
- **Acute hepatic encephalopathy without coma** will code to *K72.00, acute and subacute hepatic failure without coma*, which supports maximal illness in the chart (is an MCC).
- **Hepatic encephalopathy with coma** will code to *K72.91, hepatic failure, unspecified with coma*, which supports maximal illness in the chart (is an MCC).
- **Hepatic encephalopathy without coma** will code to *K72.90, hepatic failure, unspecified without coma*, which does not support illness in the coded record (is neither a CC or an MCC).

If the provider is escalating treatment for the hepatic encephalopathy, such as adding or increasing lactulose or rifaximin, then the provider should add the term **ACUTE** to the *hepatic encephalopathy*, as clinically appropriate.