

MS-DRG v39 (FY 2022) Definitions Manual – Browse Assignment Rules and Codes

CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) created the MS-DRG system as a way to classify each Medicare patient's hospital stay into a severity group. These severity groups help to determine how much a hospital is paid for treating the patient based on the expected cost and complexity of the treatment.

Each year, CMS updates the MS-DRGs to reflect current trends in treatment and to reflect any changes in how patients are being treated. Use the *MS-DRG Versions* menu above to choose the year you would like to see.

Major Diagnostic Categories (MDCs)

MS-DRGs are divided into Major Diagnostic Categories (MDCs) that represent each area of treatment. The order of MDCs reflects their relative importance. If a patient receives treatment in multiple MDCs, the first one listed below takes precedence. Pre-MDC contains treatments that are considered so complex that they take priority over any specific area of treatment.

MDC	Description
Pre	Pre-MDC
MDC 01	Diseases and disorders of the nervous system
MDC 02	Diseases and disorders of the eye
MDC 03	Diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, mouth and throat
MDC 04	Diseases and disorders of the respiratory system
MDC 05	Diseases and disorders of the circulatory system
MDC 06	Diseases and disorders of the digestive system
MDC 07	Diseases and disorders of the hepatobiliary system and pancreas
MDC 08	Diseases and disorders of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue
MDC 09	Diseases and disorders of the skin, subcutaneous tissue and breast
MDC 10	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and disorders
MDC 11	Diseases and disorders of the kidney and urinary tract
MDC 12	Diseases and disorders of the male reproductive system
MDC 13	Diseases and disorders of the female reproductive system
MDC 14	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
MDC 15	Newborns and other neonates with conditions originating in perinatal period
MDC 16	Diseases and disorders of blood, blood forming organs and immunologic disorders
MDC 17	Myeloproliferative diseases and disorders, poorly differentiated neoplasms
MDC 18	Infectious and parasitic diseases, systemic or unspecified sites
MDC 19	Mental diseases and disorders
MDC 20	Alcohol or drug use or induced organic mental disorders
MDC 21	Injuries, poisonings and toxic effects of drugs
MDC 22	Burns
MDC 23	Factors influencing health status and other contacts with health services
MDC 24	Multiple significant trauma
MDC 25	Human immunodeficiency virus infections
MDC XX	Unrelated Operating Room Procedures

About the Turquoise Health MS-DRG Manual Browser

We build tools and machine learning systems that simplify healthcare revenue cycle operations. We were frustrated with the formatting of the MS-DRG rules, so we built our own solution.

MS-DRG rules and ICD-10 CM/PCS codes are automatically parsed from [CMS's MS-DRG data files](#). All content is provided strictly "AS IS" and may contain parsing errors. If you spot an error, [please let us know](#).

We have converted the MS-DRG logic into fully structured, machine-readable data. If you need structured data versions of the MS-DRG manuals, [we would love to talk with you](#).

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