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ATRIAL FIBRILLATION - CODING AND BILLING

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ATRIAL FIBRILLATION**

For all risk adjustment models it is imperative that the provider evaluates and documents all chronic conditions to the highest level of specificity on an annual basis. **However, it is equally important that the providers documentation is coded and billed properly.** It is the coding and billing process that reports the condition to CMS which makes it extremely important to code and bill to the highest specificity possible from the provider documentation. **This will ensure the highest level of care for all patients.**

When coding atrial fibrillation, it is important to identify whether the documentation supports active or historical atrial fibrillation. If the atrial fibrillation is active, look for specificity from the provider indicating the type of atrial fibrillation.

**DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT CODING ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AS ACTIVE:**

1. **Asymptomatic due to medication management.**
2. **Symptomatic atrial fibrillation.**
3. **Failed catheter procedure(s) (symptoms return after intervention).**

**DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT CODING ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AS HISTORICAL:**

1. **Asymptomatic without current medication to control the condition.**
2. **Post catheter procedure(s) that were successful without re-occurrence of symptoms.**



**TYPES OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION:**

- 1. Intermittent (paroxysmal)-atrial fibrillation symptoms come and go.**
- 2. Persistent (chronic)-heart rhythm doesn't go back to normal on its own.**
- 3. Long-standing persistent-is continuous and lasts longer than twelve (12) months.**
- 4. Permanent-irregular rhythm can't be restored.**

**CODING ATRIAL FIBRILLATION**

<b>I48.0</b>	<b>Paroxysmal</b> atrial fibrillation
<b>I48.11</b>	Longstanding <b>persistent</b> atrial fibrillation
<b>I48.19</b>	<u>Other</u> <b>persistent</b> atrial fibrillation
<b>I48.20</b>	<b>Chronic</b> atrial fibrillation, unspecified
<b>I48.21</b>	<b>Permanent</b> atrial fibrillation
<b>I48.91</b>	<b>Unspecified</b> atrial fibrillation
<b>Z86.79</b>	<b>Personal history of other diseases in the circulatory system (atrial fibrillation)</b>

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