| **Australian Coding Standard (ACS)** | **New Zealand Clinical Coding Conventions and NMDS Reporting Requirements** | **HIMAA Assessment and Examination Marking Guidelines** |
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| ACS 0032 *Allied Health Interventions* | There is no mandatory requirement in New Zealand to report Allied Health Interventions to the NMDS. Therefore, coding Allied Health Interventions as per ACS 0032 is optional. | Procedure codes for Allied Health Interventions are required to be assigned for all HIMAA assessments and examinations. |
| ACS 0233 *Morphology* | There is no mandatory requirement in New Zealand to report morphology to the NMDS. Therefore, coding morphology as per ACS 0233 is optional. | Morphology codes are required to be assigned for all HIMAA assessments and examinations. |
| ACS 0503 *Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use Disorders* | The New Zealand Coding Convention to assign ICD-10-AM code Z71.6 *Counselling for tobacco use disorder* relates to the reporting requirement previously aligned to the Health Target ‘Better help for smokers to quit’ and the DHB Non-Financial Monitoring Framework and Performance Measure ‘Better help for smokers to quit in public hospitals’. | The ICD-10-AM code Z71.6 *Counselling for tobacco use disorder* is not required for HIMAA assessments and examinations.  Therefore, please do not assign this code for HIMAA assessments and examinations.  However, if the code is assigned it will be marked as optional. |
| ACS 0534 *Specific Interventions Related to Mental Health Care Services* | There is no mandatory requirement in New Zealand to report mental health care interventions to the NMDS. Therefore, coding mental health care interventions listed in ACS 0534 is optional with the exception of electroconvulsive therapy. | Mental health interventions are not required for HIMAA assessments and examinations and will be marked as optional if assigned for assessments and examinations. Exceptions to this include electroconvulsive therapy and consultation liaison psychiatry. |
| ACS 2001 *External Cause Code Use and Sequencing* | Z03.6 *Observation for suspected toxic effect from ingested substance* requires the assignment of an external cause to identify the specific substance, place of occurrence and activity codes. This is a mandatory requirement in New Zealand as specified in the NMDS Data Dictionary. | External cause, place of occurrence and activity codes are not required in addition to the ICD-10-AM code Z03.6 for HIMAA assessments and examinations.  Therefore, please do not assign these external cause codes for HIMAA assessments and examinations.  However, if the codes are assigned they will be marked as optional. |

Outlined below are the New Zealand clinical coding and NMDS reporting requirements that differ from the guidelines provided in the Australian Coding Standards and the expectations for New Zealand clinical coders who are completing HIMAA assessments and/or examinations.

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