**Effective for event records with an event end date on or after 1 July 2025**

Gender reaffirming surgery aims to transition individuals who experience gender dysphoria to the gender they identify with.

In ICD-10-AM Twelfth Edition gender dysphoria is classified to diagnosis code F64 *Gender incongruence*.

**Background**

Prior to 1 July 2025 New Zealand clinical coding practice for gender reaffirming surgery was to assign the code F64 *Gender incongruence* as the principal diagnosis with the procedure/s performed. This instruction was provided to ensure all gender reaffirming surgery event records reported to the National Minimum Dataset (NMDS) were allocated the same diagnosis related group (DRG), as each year the costs and number of event records reported to NMDS are reviewed as part of the casemix work programme to ensure the case weight and co-payment allocation are appropriate for the DRGs.

During the 2024 casemix work programme updates to the gender reaffirming surgery co-payment were made to align it with the IHACPA coding rule Q3841 *Genital reconfiguration surgery* – published December 2023. These updates were for the development of WIESNZ25.

**Clinical Coding Practice from 1 July 2025**

For all gender reaffirming surgery event records with an event end date on or after 1 July 2025, assign code Z41.89 *Other procedures for purposes other than remedying health state* as the principal diagnosis and F64 *Gender incongruence* as an additional diagnosis with codes for the procedure/s performed.

The IHACPA coding rule Q3527 *Chest masculinisation surgery for gender dysphoria* **is not** applicable to New Zealand Twelfth Edition clinical coding practice.

New Zealand clinical coding teams should add a note in electronic coding tools to ensure consistent code assignment for the principal diagnosis and additional diagnosis.

Please also add a note stating the IHACPA coding rule Q3527 is not applicable.

Provided is the New Zealand Casemix Framework for Publicly Funded Hospitals 2025/26 WIESNZ25 co-payment for gender reaffirming surgery.

Note: as part of the annual casemix work programme the procedures included in the co-payment are reviewed and updated as necessary based on the procedures reported to NMDS.

