



Seventh Character Description for ICD-10

Seventh character letter	Seventh character description	BWC appropriate for allowance Yes or No
“A”	Initial encounter or Initial encounter for closed fracture	Yes
“B”	Initial encounter for open fracture (type I/II or unspecified)	Yes
“C”	Initial encounter for open fracture (type III)	Yes
“D”	Subsequent encounter or subsequent encounter for closed fracture (for routine/uncomplicated healing)	No
“E”	Subsequent encounter or subsequent encounter for open fracture type I/II (for routine/uncomplicated healing)	No
“F”	Subsequent encounter or subsequent encounter for open fracture type III (for routine/uncomplicated healing)	No
“G”	Subsequent encounter for closed fracture with delayed healing	Yes
“H”	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I/II with delayed healing	Yes
“J”	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type III with delayed healing	Yes
“K”	Subsequent encounter for closed fracture with nonunion	Yes
“M”	Subsequent encounter for open fracture (type I/II or unspecified) with nonunion	Yes
“N”	Subsequent encounter for open fracture (type III) with nonunion	Yes
“P”	Subsequent encounter for closed fracture with malunion	Yes
“Q”	Subsequent encounter for open fracture (type I/II or unspecified) with malunion	Yes
“R”	Subsequent encounter for open fracture (type III) with malunion	Yes
“S”	Sequela (late effect of injury)	No

Note: The ICD-10 codes with the seventh character “D”, “E”, “F” and “S” are inappropriate for claim allowance. However, they are acceptable for billing.