G11.11: NEW ICD-10-CM (DIAGNOSIS) CODE FOR FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA
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CALL TO ACTION – PROVIDE THIS INFO TO YOUR CLINICIANS

Starting on October 1, 2020, at your next appointments with any clinician, ask that your ICD-10 diagnosis code for FA be updated to G11.11 (*previous code for FA was G11.1 > add a "1" > G11.11*).

Your clinician can use multiple ICD-10 diagnosis codes based on your need for medical care (e.g. G11.11 – FA, I49.9 - cardiac arrhythmia, Z13.1 – encounter for screening for diabetes mellitus).

Please email info@curefa.org if you or your clinician has questions regarding use of G11.11

PREVIOUS CODING FOR FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA

ICD-9 system had a specific code for FA: 334.0

In conversion to ICD-10, the code for FA became *less* specific because it covered a group of conditions described as "early-onset cerebellar ataxias". The previous FA ICD-10 diagnosis code was G11.1.

BENEFITS OF THE NEW FA-SPECIFIC ICD-10-CM CODE G11.11

- Fewer rejected health insurance claims
- Payer coverage determinations without need for direct access to patients' medical records for review of medical necessity
- Monitor adherence to clinical management guidelines and track care outcomes
- Evaluate symptom progression of FA; additional ICD-10 codes can be applied to reflect context of FA diagnosis, such as for falls, surgeries, medications, and co-morbidities
- Enhanced ability to track disease prevalence

BACKGROUND ON ICD CODING SYSTEM

ICD = International Classification of Diseases

The ICD coding system was established by the World Health Organization; currently used by ~100 countries for reporting cause of death and epidemiology statistics. The system contains codes for diseases, symptoms, abnormal findings, social circumstances, and external causes of injury.

ICD-10-CM codes, or diagnosis codes, are used by clinicians to document the need for healthcare services. The codes are used in medical records and for health insurance claims.

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Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Appointment Date: _____

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