



# AR-DRG Version 9.0 Definitions Manual

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## Background

During the development of the Episode Clinical Complexity (ECC) model for the Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (AR-DRG) Version 8.0, a list of diagnosis codes from the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), which generally provide additional or supplementary information to another code already assigned, were identified as unconditional exclusions. These codes are excluded from receiving a Diagnosis Complexity Level (DCL) score.

ICD-10-AM codes for delivery (O80-O84) were among the list of unconditional exclusions as these codes, in most instances, add descriptive information about the mode of delivery to obstetric conditions classified elsewhere in Chapter 15 *Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium* of ICD-10-AM. Unfortunately, these codes were inadvertently omitted from the unconditional exclusion reference table for the implementation of AR-DRG Version 8.0. Unknowingly, the omission was carried over to AR-DRG Version 9.0.

While the omission had minimal impact on the AR-DRG Version 8.0, the changes to the DCL values for O80-O84 delivery codes between AR-DRG Version 8.0 and 9.0 resulted in a considerable number of episode movements within an ADRG, mainly isolated to ADRGs O60 *Vaginal Delivery*, O01 *Caesarean Delivery* and O02 *Vaginal Delivery W General Interventions (GIs)*.

To rectify the issue, the AR-DRG Version 9.0 has been modified to exclude O80-O84 delivery codes unconditionally from receiving a DCL value and the following Errata contains modifications to the AR-DRG Version 9.0 *Definitions Manual*. The corresponding changes have also been made to the AR-DRG Version 9.0 grouper specifications.

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Correction to Special case exclusions – Add the second dot point as shown below.

#### Special case exclusions

Special case exclusions include the following sub-groups:

1. Codes that add descriptive information to an already assigned ICD-10-AM code have been considered unconditional exclusions and include:
  - *Bacterial, viral and other infectious agents* (B95 – B97). These codes are assigned as additional diagnoses to a condition classified in another ICD-10-AM chapter to add descriptive information (when available) about the microorganism causing the condition.
  - [Delivery \(O80 – O84\)](#). In most instances, these codes are assigned as a principal or additional diagnosis to obstetric conditions that have been classified elsewhere in Chapter 15, to add descriptive information about the mode of delivery.
  - *Burns involving less than 10% of body surface, with less than 10 % or unspecified full thickness burns* (T31.00). This UE is supplementary to categories T20-T25 and T29 which provide greater detail in relation to complexity from within the 3-character category according to erythema, partial thickness or full thickness burns of specific body sites
  - *Diabetes mellitus and impaired glucose with multiple microvascular complications* (E09 – E14 with 4th and 5th character subdivision of .71). These codes have been identified as cluster codes that always accompany the microvascular complication diabetes codes assigned from the E09 – E14 code range.

The following 'typo' appears in the printed manuals and electronic files.

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**MDC 01 ADRG B41** Telemetric EEG Monitoring - typo

B41B Telemetric EEG Monitoring, Minor Complexity

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