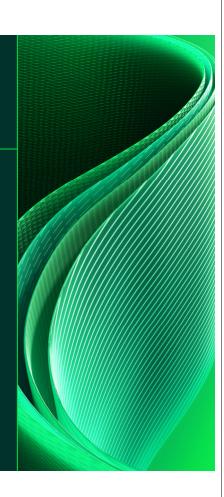
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Reviewing Activity Based Funding outcomes at the time of coding

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May, 2024

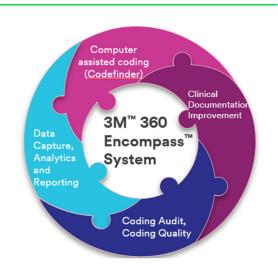
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Codefinder & National Weighted Activity Units (NWAU)

Codefinder – a software tool providing:

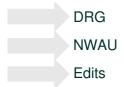
- -Coding
- -Grouping (AR-DRG Assignment)
- -Edits
- Calculates NWAU the unit used for Activity Based Funding
- Clinical Documentation Improvement Reference





Typical steps using Codefinder

Assign codes



- · Resolve edits
- Queries/Clinical Documentation Improvement
- Review DRG assignment
- Review estimated reimbursement (NWAU)



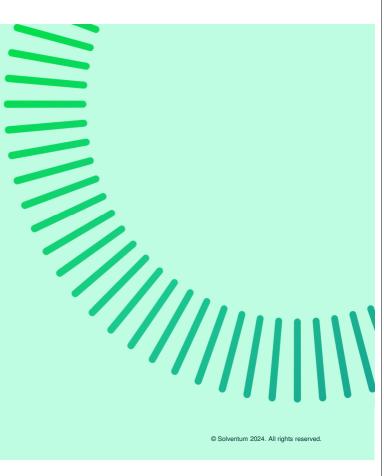
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Unexpected NWAU results

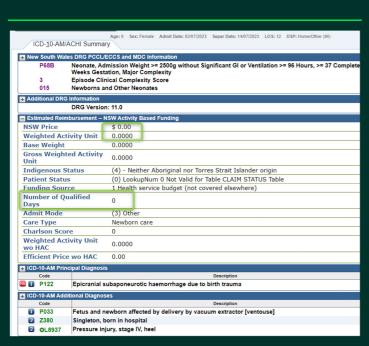
- Missing data or Incorrectly mapped data
- Not understanding the NWAU calculation > Unexpected NWAU

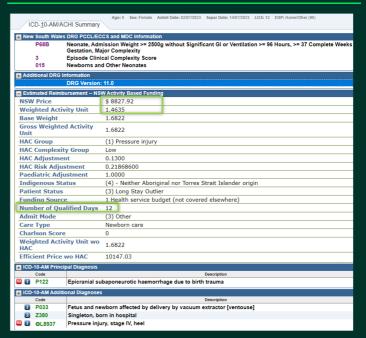


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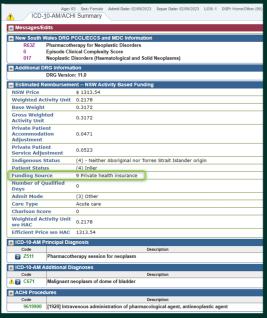








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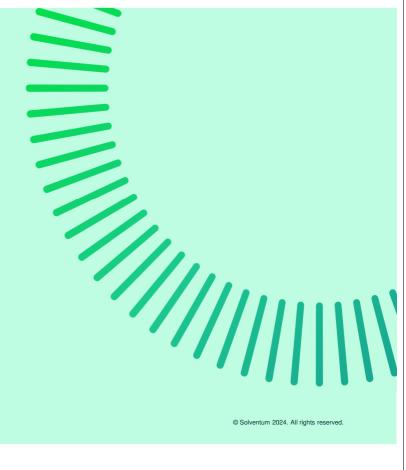






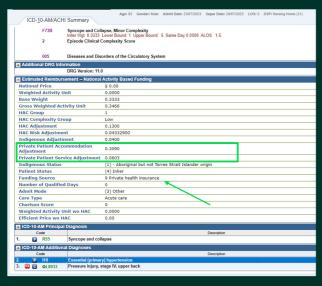
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Unexpected NWAU





Private patient, NWAU = 0



NWAU = Base weight x Indigenous adj - private pt adj - HAC adj

=0.3333 x 4% - 0.3693 - 0.043329

= 0.3466320 - 0.412629

= < 0

Reductions:

Private pt accomm adj 0.3090

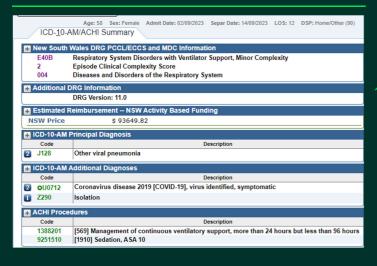
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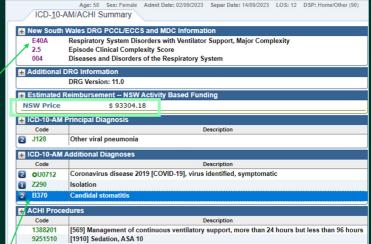
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Unexpected NWAU value





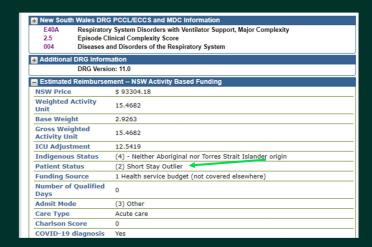


The calculation

LOS=12days ICU hours= 287

■ New South Wales DRG PCCL/ECCS and MDC Information	
E40B Respiratory System Disorders with Ventilator Support, Minor Complexity 2 Episode Clinical Complexity Score 004 Diseases and Disorders of the Respiratory System	
★ Additional DRG Information	
DRG Version: 11.0	
Estimated Reimbursement NSW Activity Based Funding	
NSW Price	\$ 93649.82
Weighted Activity Unit	15.5255
Base Weight	2.9836
Gross Weighted Activity Unit	15.5255
ICU Adjustment	12.5419
Indigenous Status	(4) - Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
Patient Status	(4) Inlier
Funding Source	1 Health service budget (not covered elsewhere)
Number of Qualified Days	0
Admit Mode	(3) Other
Care Type	Acute care
Charlson Score	0
COVID-19 diagnosis	Yes

NWAU =2.9836 + (.0437 x 287) =15.5255



NWAU =2.9263 + (.0437 x 287) =15.4682



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Summary

- Codefinder provides visibility of NWAU
- Scrutiny of the NWAU contributes to data integrity but increases time taken to code
- Helps ensure the hospital receives its entitled funding



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