

## ICD-9-CM coding for patients with Mental Retardation\*

In general, it is best to code another symptom or illness and use mental retardation as an additional code. Degenerative illnesses, such as the leukodystrophies, which include mental retardation have specific codes and should be coded separately. Etiologies or associated findings for mental retardation, such as failure to thrive, should also be used.

\*\*\* indicates intervening codes have been left out of this list.

### MENTAL RETARDATION (317-319)

Use additional code(s) to identify any associated psychiatric or physical condition(s)

#### 317 Mild mental retardation

High-grade defect  
IQ 50-70  
Mild mental subnormality

#### 318 Other specified mental retardation

318.0 Moderate mental retardation  
IQ 35-49  
Moderate mental subnormality

318.1 Severe mental retardation  
IQ 20-34  
Severe mental subnormality

318.2 Profound mental retardation  
IQ under 20  
Profound mental subnormality

#### 319 Unspecified mental retardation

Mental deficiency NOS  
Mental subnormality NOS

### 14. CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759)

#### 758 Chromosomal anomalies

Includes: syndromes associated with anomalies in the number and form of chromosomes

Use additional codes for conditions associated with the chromosomal anomalies

758.0 Down's syndrome  
Mongolism  
Translocation Down's syndrome  
Trisomy:  
21 or 22  
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759.8 Other specified anomalies

759.81 Prader-Willi syndrome

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759.83 Fragile X syndrome

### PERSONS WITHOUT REPORTED DIAGNOSIS ENCOUNTERED DURING EXAMINATION AND INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS AND POPULATIONS (V70-V82)

Note: Nonspecific abnormal findings disclosed at the time of these examinations are classifiable to categories 790-796.

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V79	Special screening for mental disorders and developmental handicaps
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V79.0 Depression

V79.1 Alcoholism

V79.2 Mental retardation

V79.3 Developmental handicaps in early childhood

V79.8 Other specified mental disorders and developmental handicaps

V79.9 Unspecified mental disorder and developmental handicap

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