PDH Coding

PDH ICD-9-CM Coding

At each Post-Deployment Visit (Primary or Specialty Care) at least *two* ICD-9-CM codes must be assigned and documented by the provider.

ALL Deployment-Related Visits must have the code:

V70.5__6, Deployment-Related Visit

and

Deployment-Related Presenting Problem ICD-9-CM Code(s):

- Asymptomatic Concern V65.5
- Specific Diagnosis or Symptom(s) that patient believes is deployment-related, use the diagnosis or symptom code
- Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms 799.8 (use only after several visits and appropriate diagnostic evaluation reveals no specific diagnosis for a chronic condition)







PDH ICD-9-CM Coding Example

Type of Patient	Example	Deployment- Related Code	Health Concern Code
Asymptomatic Concerned, Deployment-Related	Pregnant wife of active duty soldier with concerns about depleted uranium. This is a follow-up visit after PCM has researched the issue.	V70.56	V65.5
Symptoms, Deployment-Related	13 y/o girl with significant weight loss. Girl's mother suspects concern is related to father's deployment to Iraq.	V70.56	783.21 (abnormal weight loss)
Symptoms, Deployment-Related	23 y/o Marine developed poison ivy rash after FTX to field a few days ago.	V70.56	692.6 (contact dermatitis due to plants)
Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms, Deployment-Related	49 y/o retired E-8 has been evaluated over 3 months (5 visits) for intermittent joint pain, intermittent vertigo and severe fatigue. Patient states he believes he was exposed to something in Kuwait on mission two years ago. Work-up to date is complete, but negative.	V70.56	799.8 (other ill-defined conditions and unknown causes of morbidity)



