

Normal Delivery

Code O80, Encounter for full-term uncomplicated delivery, is used only when the delivery is entirely normal with a single live born outcome. This code cannot be used if there is a complication, or if any other code from chapter 15 is needed to describe a current condition of the antenatal, delivery, or perinatal period.

All of the following criteria must be met in order to use code O80:

- The delivery is entirely normal (requiring minimal or no assistance, with or without episiotomy)
- There is no fetal manipulation or instrumentation
- There is a spontaneous, cephalic, vaginal delivery
- Presentation can only be cephalic or occipital. A presentation such as breech, face, or brow, disallows the use of code O80
- Any antepartum complication experienced during pregnancy must have been resolved before the time of delivery

- No abnormalities or either labor or delivery can have occurred
- No postpartum complications can be present
- No procedures other than an episiotomy without forceps, episiorrhaphy, artificial rupture of membranes, manually assisted delivery without forceps, administration of analgesics and/or anesthesia, fetal monitoring, induction of labor without medication, and sterilization
- Outcome of delivery must be single live birth, Z37.0. Multiple births or stillbirths do not allow for O80 use.

Examples when code O80 can be used:

- A patient who had a completely normal delivery and has a history of a urinary tract infection (UTI) at four months gestation. The UTI is treated with antibiotics and there is no infection at time of delivery.
- A patient with left occipito-anterior (LOA) presentation has a completely normal delivery.

Reference: ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Coding Handbook 2014

Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.

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