



Deployment-Related Visit Coding 2007



At **All Deployment-Related Visits**, at least **two** ICD* codes must be assigned and documented by the provider. (*International Classification of Diseases)

Deployment-Related Codes:

- **Pre-Deployment Related Encounter – V70.5_4**
- **Intra-Deployment Related Encounter – V70.5_5**
- **Post-Deployment Related Encounter – V70.5_6**
- **Pre-Deployment Assessment on DD 2795 – V70.5_D**
- **Initial Post-Deployment Assessment on DD 2796 – V70.5_E**
- **Post-Deployment Reassessment on DD2900 – V70.5_F**

Code In Primary Position:

When documenting an exam, assessment, or screening encounter when the purpose of the encounter is specifically deployment-related.

Code In Subsequent Position:

When documenting an encounter whose primary purpose was not specifically deployment-related, but deployment-related concerns were found that should be coded as additional diagnoses.

Post-Deployment Health Clinical Practice Guideline Codes:

- **Asymptomatic Concerned — V65.5**
- **Specific Diagnosis or Symptom(s) —** Applicable ICD diagnosis-specific or symptom-specific code(s)
- **Medically Unexplained Symptoms (MUS) or Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms (MUPS) — 799.89**

References:

[Military Health System Coding Guidance: Professional Services and Specialty Coding Guidelines Version 2.0, Unified Biostatistical Utility, 2007](#)

[DoD/VA Post-Deployment Health Clinical Practice Guideline](#)

Deployment-Related Visit Coding Examples

Type of Visit	Example	Primary Diagnosis ICD Code & Definition	2 nd , 3 rd , or 4 th Diagnosis Code
Symptoms, Pre-Deployment-Related Visit	New onset bed wetting in 5-yr old boy whose mother is about to be deployed.	788.36 (nocturnal enuresis)	V70.5_4
Symptoms, Intra- Deployment-Related Visit	13 y/o girl with significant weight loss which Mother thinks is related to father's current deployment.	783.21 (abnormal weight loss)	V70.5_5
Asymptomatic, Deployment-Related Visit	Pregnant wife of AD member concerned about depleted uranium. PCM has researched issue.	V65.5 (feared complaint, no diagnosis made)	V70.5_6
Symptoms, Deployment-Related Visit	23 y/o Marine developed a lesion on his arm 6 weeks after return from Iraq. Now it is a non-healing ulcer.	085.2 (leishmaniasis, cutaneous, Asian desert)	V70.5_6
Medically Unexplained Symptoms/ Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms Deployment-Related Visit	49 y/o retired E-8 has been evaluated over 3 months (5 visits) for intermittent joint pain, vertigo and fatigue. Believes he was exposed to something in Kuwait 2 years ago. Work-up is negative.	799.89 (other ill-defined conditions and unknown causes of morbidity)	V70.5_6
Symptomatic Post-Deployment Health Exam	AD member given medical examination after returning from deployment. Found to be suffering from PTSD.	V70.5_6	309.81 (post traumatic stress disorder)
Asymptomatic Post-Deployment Health Assessment	18 y/o AD member administered PDHA using DD Form 2796 with negative findings.	V70.5_E	None
Non-Deployment-Related Visit	During diabetes visit, 42 y/o AD member indicates he has not completed the PDHA. PDHA performed with negative findings.	250.0 (diabetes mellitus without complications)	V70.5_E

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