



MASSACHUSETTS

UNCONFIRMED VS. CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS

Documentation tip

WHEN DOCUMENTING PATIENT ENCOUNTERS, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS.

Terms that fit the definition of a confirmed diagnosis

Early
Demonstrates
Underlying
Evidence of
Element of
Component of
Significant
Compensated
Results show

Terms that fit the definition of a probable, suspected, or unconfirmed diagnosis

Appears to be
Compatible with
Consistent with
Likely or most likely
Pending
Perhaps
Possible
Pre-
Presumed
Probable
Rule-out
Questionable
Sign(s) of
Suggestive of
Symptoms of
Suspicious for
Suspect
Tendency
Vs

Reminder

Suspected, probable, and unconfirmed diagnoses do not risk adjust in outpatient settings.