

****The criteria provided below is representative of what is commonly accepted by certain payers and is not all inclusive, nor is it a guarantee a particular code will be supported by a payer.**

Encephalopathy Audit Criteria	Findings	Documentation Source (i.e., H&P, Consult)
Baseline and Change in mental status identified by caregiver/others* <i>or</i>		
Diffuse (generalized, nonfocal) alteration in brain function* <i>or</i>		
Confusion, AMS, delirium, psychosis, abnormal behavior*		
Variances in Glasgow Coma Scale (Altered LOC)		
Underlying cause (infection, fever, electrolyte imbalance, hypoxemia, organ dysfunction, drug effect/toxin)		
Adverse effect of medicinal		
Poisoning by medicinal		
Lacunar infarct present		
Toxic effect of non-medicinal as in substance intoxication or psychosis		
Return to Baseline in dementia patients		
Generally Unsupportive Criteria		
Dementia at baseline: No change at discharge		
AMS in hypoglycemia		
AMS in CVA		
Drug or alcohol affect		
Mental disorder with psychosis		

***Required**