



New Jersey: Present on Admission Indicator Code

“Present on Admission” (POA) indicator codes are required to help determine appropriate Diagnosis Related Grouping (DRG) assignments and pricing. A POA code indicates whether the corresponding diagnosis was present at the time of admission.

Keep in mind that:

- The code is required for both Commercial and Medicare lines of business.
- This requirement has been in effect since 10/1/2008.
- A POA code is required for all primary and secondary diagnosis codes; however, a POA code is not needed for the admitting diagnosis code.

See the table below for a list of POA indicator codes.

Value in the POA Field	Meaning
Y	Diagnosis was present at the time of inpatient admission
N	Diagnosis was not present at the time of the inpatient admission
U	Documentation insufficient to determine if condition was present at the time of inpatient admission.
W	Clinically undetermined. Provider unable to clinically determine whether the condition was present at the time of the inpatient admission.
1 or spaces	Unreported/not used. Exempt from POA reporting.