Diagnosis Cluster Code User Guide

This guide is written for end users *(e.g. clinical coders, medical record staff)* who assign the Diagnosis Cluster Code ID during routine workflows.
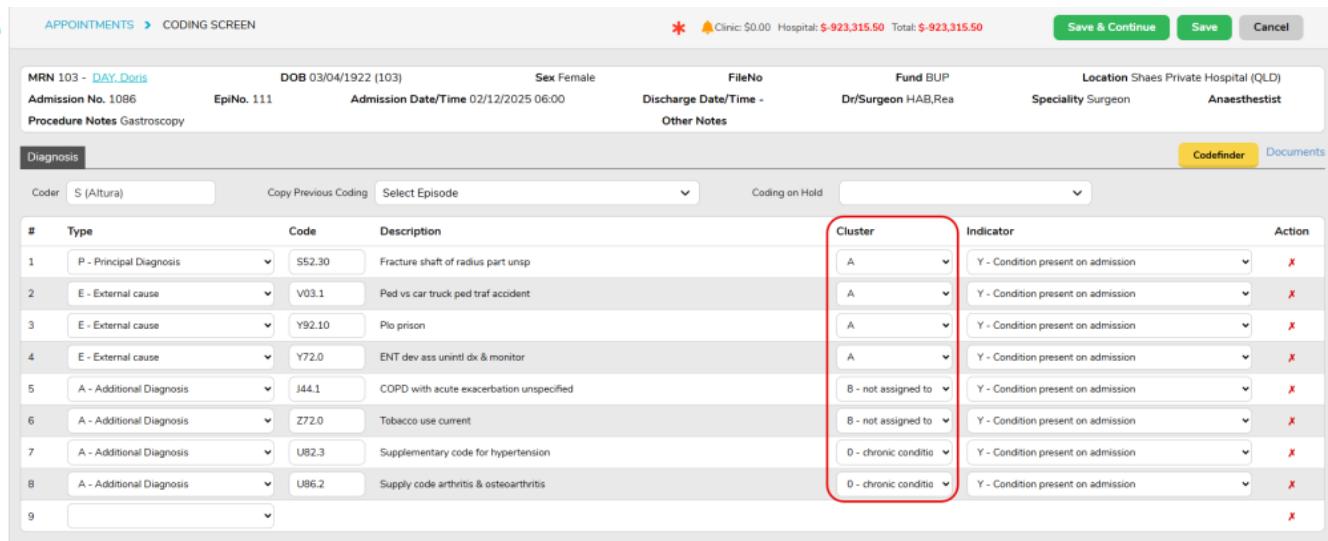
What is a Diagnosis Cluster Code?

A **Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID)** is an alphanumeric character allocated to each ICD-10-AM code reported within an episode of care to identify and maintain the link between diagnosis codes as the data is collected, validated, processed and analyzed.

When should I assign it?

Cluster codes apply for ICD-10-AM and ACS Thirteenth Edition and will be mandatory starting from **1 July 2026**.

Is FYDO Cluster Code Ready?

Yes, the Diagnosis Cluster Code field is already available on the **FYDO Coding Screen** for each diagnosis line.

While not mandatory until 1 July 2026, hospitals have the option of assigning DCIDs now or leave the cluster code as default 8.

More information can be found via the helpful link here:
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Cluster Coding and Data Extracts

FYDO will include Diagnosis Cluster Codes in all statutory data extracts from 1 July 2026, in alignment with IHCPA requirements.