

### **COVID-19 Related Condition: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a health alert on Thursday, May 14, 2020, outlining a case definition for multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), which has been recently associated with COVID-19. The case definition can be found at <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00432.asp>.

MIS-C does **not** have a specific ICD-10-CM code, instead this condition should be captured with code M35.8 Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue, per the American Hospital Association (AHA) Central Office on ICD-10-CM/PCS and the American Health Information Management Association (AHMIA).

When a documented link has been made between MIS-C and COVID-19, sequencing will depend on the circumstances of admission, per the COVID-19-specific guidelines, effective April 1, 2020. If the patient is admitted with a current COVID-19 infection, code U07.1 should be sequenced first followed by code M35.8. If the patient is admitted and diagnosed with MIS-C due to COVID-19 but the patient no longer has COVID-19, the correct code assignment would be M35.8 with a secondary diagnosis of B94.8 Sequelae of other specified infectious and parasitic diseases.

As with any documentation, if it is unclear whether the COVID-19 infection is current or the patient is experiencing manifestations of a previous COVID-19 infection, the provider should be queried for clarification.

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