

7th character fracture coding tip sheet for skilled nursing facilities

The following chart shows 7th character fracture coding options for ICD-10 codes. These options are based on the CMS reference guide [ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting Fiscal Year 2024](#). Use the appropriate 7th character option when billing for UnitedHealthcare® Medicare Advantage plan members who are admitted to skilled nursing facilities for rehabilitation of traumatic or pathological fractures

7th character option	Traumatic fractures
A	Initial encounter for closed fracture
B	Initial encounter for open fracture type I or II/initial encounter for open fracture NOS
C	Initial encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB or IIIC
D	Subsequent encounter for closed fracture with routine healing
E	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with routine healing
F	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB or IIIC with routine healing
G	Subsequent encounter for closed fracture with delayed healing
H	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with delayed healing
J	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB or IIIC with delayed healing
K	Subsequent encounter for closed fracture with nonunion
M	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with nonunion
N	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB or IIIC with nonunion
P	Subsequent encounter for closed fracture with malunion
Q	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with malunion
R	Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB or IIIC with malunion
S	Sequela

7th character option	Pathological fractures
A	Initial encounter for fracture
D	Subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
G	Subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
K	Subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
P	Subsequent encounter for fracture with malunion
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