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Please see the attached letter in response to your request for coding assistance.  
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Dear Ms. Scott-Jean:

This letter is in response to your request for advice coding conditions still to be ruled out in the acute rehabilitation setting.

Based on the question submitted, do not assign codes for acute coronary syndrome, pulmonary embolism or any other condition that is still to be ruled out. In the rehabilitation setting, codes are not assigned for conditions documented at the time of discharge as "probable", "suspected", "likely", "questionable", "possible", or "still to be ruled out", or other similar terms indicating uncertainty. The uncertain diagnosis guideline does not apply to rehabilitation admissions and is only applicable to inpatient admissions to short-term, acute, long-term care and psychiatric hospitals. Please see the note found in Section III. C. of the Official Coding Guidelines.

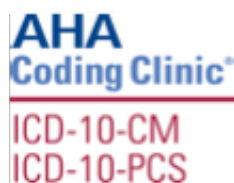
Additionally, the Central Office cannot respond to your request regarding query practices, as this is not a coding question, and not within our scope of services. You may wish to contact the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) for assistance.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

*Susan Latham*  
Susan Latham, RHIT, CCS

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