

# Risk Adjustment Helpful Hints:

## Navigating HCC Model V28 Changes for Disease Groups

### CMS changes begin NOW

*Specificity and severity in assessments are essential for appropriate reimbursement and gap closure. Reference your ICD-10-CM for diagnosis accuracy.*

#### Diabetes:



**Hypoglycemia/hyperglycemia** are no longer considered complications.

**Diabetic complications** need specificity and severity for additive reimbursement value (CKD, PVD, retinopathies).

- E11.22** – Diabetes with chronic kidney disease
- E11.3xx** – Diabetes with diabetic retinopathy
- E11.4x** – Diabetes with neuropathy/polyneuropathy
- E11.5x** – Diabetes with peripheral angiopathy
- E11.62x** – Diabetes with ulcer

#### Metabolic Diseases:



**Many lab-result related conditions** are dropped, e.g., hypo/hyperparathyroidism. Assess for parent condition, e.g., CKD with specific stage.

**Consider assessment of morbid obesity** when BMI  $\geq 35$  with comorbidities.

- E66.01** – Morbid obesity
- Z68.35 thru Z68.45** – BMI for morbid obesity

#### Cognitive and Psychiatric Diseases:



**Dementia severity** must be evaluated – mild, moderate, severe.

- F03.A0** – Dementia, mild
- F03.B0** – Dementia, moderate
- F03.C0** – Dementia, severe

**Major depression** mild, unspecified, or in remission, (partial, full, or unspecified), no longer risk adjusts.

- F32.1** – Major depressive disorder, single episode, moderate
- F32.2** – Major depressive disorder, single episode, severe
- F33.1** – Major depressive disorder, recurrent, moderate
- F33.2** – Major depressive disorder, recurrent, severe

**Bipolar disorder** in remission or in full remission no longer risk adjusts.

- F31.30** – Bipolar disorder, current episode depressed, mild
- F31.31** – Bipolar disorder, current episode depressed, moderate
- F31.32** – Bipolar disorder, current episode depressed, severe
- F31.75** – Bipolar disorder, in partial remission, most recent episode depressed
- F31.9** – Bipolar disorder, unspecified

**Unspecified mood disorder** no longer risk adjusts. More specified diagnosis is required.

# Risk Adjustments

## Helpful Hints:...continued

### Heart Diseases:



**Angina**, except unstable, no longer risk adjusts.

- I20.0** – Unstable angina
- I25.110** – CAD with unstable angina

**CHF** is divided into 5 HCCs – assess for chronicity and note if end-stage.

- I50.20** – Unspecified systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.21** – Acute systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.22** – Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.23** – Acute on chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.30** – Unspecified diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.31** – Acute diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.32** – Chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.33** – Acute on chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.84** – End stage heart failure

### Vascular Diseases:



**PVD** only risk adjusts with ulcer, gangrene, or rest pain.

- I70.22x** – Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with rest pain
- I70.23x thru I70.25** – Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with ulceration
- I70.26x** – Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with gangrene

**Atherosclerosis** of aorta or renal artery, ectasias, and unruptured aneurysms no longer risk adjust.

- I71.00 thru I71.03** – Dissections of aorta
- I71.3** – Abdominal aortic aneurysm, ruptured

### Lung Diseases:



**Severe persistent asthma** now risk adjusts and trumps COPD.

- J45.50** – Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated
- J45.51** – Severe persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation
- J45.52** – Severe persistent asthma with status asthmaticus

### Kidney Diseases:



**CKD** now has 4 HCCs: stage 5, stage 4, stage 3b, stage 3a, or stage 3 unspecified.

- N18.30** – Chronic kidney disease, stage 3 unspecified
- N18.31** – Chronic kidney disease, stage 3a
- N18.32** – Chronic kidney disease, stage 3b
- N18.4** – Chronic kidney disease, stage 4
- N18.5** – Chronic kidney disease, stage 5

CKD unspecified **does** risk adjust, however it is **not additive** when combined with Diabetes. CKD must be 3b or more severe to be additive when combined with Diabetes.