

# Hierarchical Condition Category Documentation for Chronic Conditions

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- Describes the complexity of your patient by accurately documenting and coding chronic medical conditions on a calendar year basis
- Helps to predict the use of Medicare resources your patients are expected to consume
- Conveys patient complexity to CMS and payers, impacting reimbursement to the system
- RAF (risk adjusted factor) scoring compiled and reported by CMS through HCC coding

## Top HCC's

- Active cancers with and without metastasis
- COPD
- Dementia
- Depressive and bipolar disorders
- Diabetes with or without complications
- Morbid Obesity
- Renal - CKD 3-5, ESRD, AKI
- Cardiac Arrhythmias
- CHF
- Parkinson's
- Rheumatoid Arthritis and autoimmune disorders
- Vascular Disease

## What do you need to know?

- Must be face to face visit (office or video). E-visits and telephone visits will not count toward HCC capture
- Enter appropriate "Visit Diagnosis" to highest specificity to include: diagnosis, site, laterality, and if related conditions present
- For each diagnosis, document in the visit note using MEAT criteria (Monitor, Evaluate, Assess, Treat)

## Dx (HCC) Best Practice Advisory, for patients on Medicare

- Displays chronic HCC diagnoses from the last year and a half that have not yet addressed during this calendar year
- Prompts for a few suspected (previously undiagnosed) conditions, such as Morbid Obesity and Depression, based on information previously documented in the system
- Provides a way to easily add the diagnosis to the visit and the problem list, resolve the problem if no longer applicable, defer to a future visit, and document against the diagnosis for the visit

**For further information regarding HCCs, please reference the HCC Tip Sheet from the EMR team**

**For specific HCC coding questions, contact [HCC.risk@ohiohealth.com](mailto:HCC.risk@ohiohealth.com)**

# Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC)

Hierarchical condition category (HCC) coding is a risk-adjustment model originally designed to estimate future health care costs for patients. In CareConnect these diagnosis codes are identified by HCC being present in the name.

## Diagnosis Preference List

Primary Care Providers have a defaulted HCC Diagnosis Preference List.

- A. Clicking the **+ Add** button next to the **Diagnoses Search** field will open the **HCC Preference List** by default.
- B. If a HCC code is not appropriate for the patient, click the **Database Lookup** button for additional diagnosis.

The screenshot shows the 'Visit Diagnoses' window with a search field and an '+ Add' button circled in red (A). Below it is a 'Preference List Matches' window with a table of diagnosis codes and a 'Database Lookup (F5)' button circled in red (B).

Name	ICD-10-CM	ICD-9-CM	Preference List
Alzheimer's dementia (HCC)	G30.9, F02.80	331.0	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Alzheimer's dementia with behavioral disturb	G30.9, F02.81	331.0, 294.11	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
CKD (chronic kidney disease)	N18.9	585.9	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
CKD (chronic kidney disease) stage V requi	N18.6, Z99.2	585.6, V45.11	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
CKD (chronic kidney disease), stage I	N18.1	585.1	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
CKD (chronic kidney disease), stage II	N18.2	585.2	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
CKD (chronic kidney disease), stage III (HC	N18.3	585.3	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
CKD (chronic kidney disease), stage IV (HC	N18.4	585.4	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
CKD (chronic kidney disease), stage V (HC	N18.5	585.5	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Dementia (HCC)	F03.90	294.20	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Dementia with Lewy bodies (HCC)	G31.83, F02.80	331.82	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Dementia with behavioral disturbance (HCC)	F03.91	294.21	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Dementia, Lewy body with behavior disturba	G31.83, F02.81	331.82, 294.11	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Depression	F32.9	311	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Depression, major	F32.9	296.20	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Depression, major, recurrent (HCC)	F33.9	296.30	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Depression, major, recurrent, in complete re	F33.42	296.36	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC
Depression, major, recurrent, in partial remi	F33.41	296.35	OH HP DIAGNOSIS CODES WITH HCC

## Storyboard

The Storyboard displays the CMS-HCC Total Score and CMS-HCC Score Gap.

The screenshot shows a patient's Storyboard with the following information:

- Cardiology Implants: Other implants (6)
- NARx: None
- CSA Signed Date: No CSA
- Member: ACO
- RISK SCORES**
- 3.899 CMS-HCC Total Score
- 0.894 CMS-HCC Score Gap
- 2.4047 Patient Risk Level
- CMS-HCC Total Score** 3.899
- Current as of 11 days ago
- No Change

Click on CMS-HCC Total Score and/or CMS-HCC Score Gap to see a HCC Certification Summary Report.

HCC Certification Summary

CMS-HCC Score Gap: **0.894** (Current as of 11 days ago, No Change)

HCC Summary

Needs Recertification	Last Changed	Inclusion Diagnosis
Category	8/22/2020	Parkinson disease (HCC)
CMS HCC - 78	8/22/2020	Other specified peripheral vascular diseases (HCC)

## Print Group

Review more details about a patient's HCCs, including the category's entire title and the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code satisfying the HCC. This additional information is especially helpful when the diagnosis that qualifies a patient for the category is different from the category title. To view these additional details about the HCCs applying to your patient, click Show Details in the upper-right corner of the CMS-HCC section.

HCC Summary

Needs Recertification

Category and Diagnosis	From
CMS-HCC 18: Arthritis associated with diabetes (HCC)	OhioHealth TST on 3/25/2019
CMS-HCC 52: Early onset Alzheimer's disease with behavioral disturbance (HCC)	OhioHealth TST on 3/25/2019

Show Details

## HCC BestPractice Advisory (BPA)

The HCC BPA will display for each HCC Diagnosis that needs action taken. You are able to Add an Assessment and Plan, Add the Visit Diagnosis, Change the Diagnosis, and/or Resolve the Problem all from the BPA.

BestPractice Advisory - Wayne, Bruce

- Click **Add Visit Diagnosis** to add diagnoses that are pertinent, accurate and addressed today with the patient
  - Document those diagnoses with **MEAT** (*Monitoring, Evaluation, Assessment, Treatment*)
- Click **Do Not Add** if diagnosis is not being addressed today but will be evaluated at a later encounter
- Click **Issue/Problem Resolved** if the diagnosis is no longer active or not applicable to the patient. This will resolve it on the problem list and remove from future BPA prompts.
- Click **Change Dx** to update the diagnosis

At today's visit with the patient consider addressing:

**Add Visit Diagnosis** **Do Not Add** **Resolve Problem** ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia of infant) (HCC)  
[Change Dx](#) [Assessment & Plan Note](#)

✓ ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia of infant) (HCC) is already on the Problem List.  
Last Addressed by David Corbett Dewalt, DO on 9/9/2020.

If the Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Diagnosis was addressed in an encounter but was not included or approved on a claim, the HCC BestPractice Advisory (BPA) for that diagnosis will reappear with a note. This allows the diagnosis to be addressed.

**Add Visit Diagnosis** **Do Not Add** **N/A to Patient** **Morbid obesity** ⚠️ [Change Dx](#) [Assessment & Plan Note](#) 🔍 Search

Add to Problem List

Last Addressed by Provider, Starter, MD on 10/2/2021

✓ Accept (1)

⚠️ **Diagnosis Mismatch Between Visit and Claim:**  
An encounter diagnosis was found for the current risk adjustment period but was not found on the claim for the encounter on 10/2/2021.