

# 2026 HCC Coding and Documentation Tips

**Always make sure that you are using the current year ICD-10-CM CODES**

- Validated HCC Coding requires documenting:
  - Diagnosis
  - Status of Condition
  - Plan of Action
- For example:
  - “CHF, stable, continue current meds” (document current medication member is taking for condition)
  - “Diabetic CKD III controlled, continue current meds, follow-up appointment and labs”

## Once a year, Document Chronic Active Conditions commonly not documented

*COAST- Do NOT use the words “HISTORY OF” if patient has an active disease currently being treated.*

**C**hronic Dx: CHF, COPD, DM, Residual effects of Stroke/CVA: I69.XX

**O**stomy: Colostomy: Z93.3/ Cystostomy: Z93.50/ Ileostomy: Z93.2/ Gastrostomy: Z93.1

**A**mputations: Including lower limbs (foot, ankle, below knee, above knee): Z89.XX

**S**eizures/Epilepsy: G40.90X/Spinal Disorders: Paraplegia: G82.20/ Quadriplegia: G82.50

**T**ransplants: Stem cell, liver, heart, lung: Z94.XX

### Cardiovascular

I11.0 Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure	I47.20 Ventricular Tachycardia (VT), unspecified
I21.9 MI (acute) NOS, <4 weeks old	I48.91 Atrial Fibrillation
I25.2 Old myocardial infarction, > 4 weeks old	I49.5 Sick Sinus Syndrome ( Sinoatrial dysfunction)
I27.2 Pulmonary Hypertension	I50.2XX Systolic CHF
I27.840 Fontan-associated liver disease (FALD) (Effective 10/1/2025)	I50.3XX Diastolic CHF
I27.841 Fontan-associated lymphatic dysfunction (Effective 10/1/2025)	I50.4XXX Acute on Chronic CHF
I27.849 Fontan-related circulation, Unspecified (Effective 10/1/2025)	I50.84 End stage CHF
I42.9 Cardiomyopathy	Z79.01 Long term Anticoagulation
I44.2 Atrioventricular Block, Complete	

**Chronic Kidney Disease - Check GFR and Microalbuminuria at least twice a year.**

N18.1 CKD I GFR>90 with Microalbumin	N18.32 CKD III b GFR 30-44
N18.2 CKD II GFR 60-89 with Microalbumin	N18.4 CKD IV GFR 15-29
N18.30 CKD III Unspecified	N18.5 CKD V GFR <15
N18.31 CKD III a GFR 45-59	N18.6 ESRD on Dialysis

**Circulatory/ Vascular**

I26.95 Cement embolism of pulmonary artery without acute cor pulmonale	I70.249XX Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with ulceration of unspecified site
I26.96 Fat embolism of pulmonary artery without acute cor pulmonale	I82.40XX Acute DVT lower extremities, Unspecified vein
I70.22XX Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with rest pain	I82.50XX Chronic DVT (on long term anticoagulation)
I70.239 Atherosclerosis of native arteries of right leg with ulceration of unspecified site	I83.0 XX Venous Stasis Ulcer

**Diabetes with Manifestations - Many codes are now combinations codes. Please be sure to review your ICD-10 book to determine if a secondary code is required.**

E11.A Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (DMII) without Complications in Remission (Effective 10/01/2025)	E11.3XX DMII with Ophthalmic Complications	E11.42 DMII Diabetic Polyneuropathy	E11.62XX DMII with Diabetic Ulcer	R73.03 Pre-Diabetes
E11.2 DMII with Renal Manifestations	E11.31XX to E11.35XX DMII with Retinopathy	E11.5XX DMII with Circulatory Disorders	E11.65 DMII with Hyperglycemia	Z79.4 Long-term (Current) use of insulin
E11.22 + N18., N18.3 DMII with CKD	E11.4XX DMII with Neurological Manifestations	E11.51 DMII w/ Peripheral Angiopathy without gangrene	E11.69 DMII with Other Specified Complication *must document causal relationship with complication	Z79.85 Long-term (current) use of injectable non-insulin antidiabetic
E11.36 Diabetic Cataracts	E11.40 DMII Diabetic Neuropathy	E11.6XX DMII with Other Specified Complication	E11.649 DMII with Hypoglycemia	

**Dermatology**

C43.XX Malignant Melanoma	L89.9 Pressure Ulcer- Document site location and stage (II, III,IV)
D03.XX Melanoma in Situ	L97.- Non-Pressure Chronic Ulcer of Foot/Leg (Effective 10/01/2025)
D69.2 Senile Purpura	L98.4XX Non-Pressure Chronic Ulcer of Other Body Parts ( Effective 10/01/2025)
D86.3 Sarcoidosis of skin	L98.A Non- Pressure Chronic Ulcer of Hand/Arm (Effective 10/01/2025)
L10.0 Pemphigus Vulgaris	Z85.820 H/O Malignant Melanoma

**Gastroenterology**

B18.2 Chronic Viral Hepatitis C	K70.10 Alcoholic hepatitis without ascites	K71.3 Toxic liver disease with chronic persistent hepatitis	K71.7 Toxic liver disease with fibrosis and cirrhosis of liver	K73.9 Chronic Hepatitis, Unspecified
K56.41 Fecal Impactions	K70.30 Alcoholic Cirrhosis	K71.50 Toxic liver disease with chronic active hepatitis without ascites	K72.00 End Stage Liver Disease	

**Hematology**

D45 Polycythemia Vera	D69.3 Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)
D47.3 Thrombocytopenia	D70.4 Cyclic Neutropenia
D68.00 Von Willebrand disease, Unspecified	D71.1 Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency (Effective 10/01/2025)
D68.1 Hereditary factor XI deficiency	D71.9 Functional Disorders of Polymorphonuclear Neutrophils, Unspecified (Effective 10/01/2025)

**Morbid Obesity - code also BMI**

E66.01 Morbid Obesity, due to excess calories (BMI $\geq$ 40)*	E66.813 Obesity, class 3
E66.2 Morbid (severe) obesity with alveolar hypoventilation	Z68.3XX BMI 35-39.99 w/ comorbid conditions (must document causal relationship) DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia, CHF, CAD, DJD of knee/hip, Sleep apnea
E66.811 Obesity, class 1	Z68.4 BMI 40 or greater
E66.812 Obesity, class 2	

**Musculoskeletal**

M05.A Abnormal Rheumatoid Factor and Anti-Citrullinated Protein Antibody with Rheumatoid Arthritis (Effective 10/1/2025)	M06.9 Rheumatoid arthritis, Unspecified	M46.XX Inflammatory spondylopathies
M06.4 Inflammatory polyarthropathy	M12.08 Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy	T84.84XA Chronic pain in prosthetic joint (initial encounter)

**Neurology - Do not code acute CVA (usually ER or INPT only)**

G20.A Parkinson's Disease without dyskinesia	G35.B Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (Effective 10/1/2025)	G40.909 Epilepsy, Unspecified, not intractable without status epilepticus	I69.35XX Hemiplegia/Hemiparesis
G20.B Parkinson's Disease with dyskinesia	G35.C Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (Effective 10/1/2025)	I69.XX Late Effect of CVA	I69.96 XX Other Paralytic Syndrome
G20.C Parkinsonism, Unspecified	G35.D Multiple Sclerosis, Unspecified (Effective 10/1/2025)	I69.33XX Monoplegia Upper Limb	Z86.73 History of CVA - use when there are no late effects of the CVA
G35.A Relapsing- remitting Multiple Sclerosis (Effective 10/1/2025)	G40.901 Epilepsy, Unspecified, not intractable with status epilepticus	I69.34XX Monoplegia Lower Limb	

**Oncology - Document cancer as ACTIVE if: undergoing treatment (including hormones like Tamoxifen/Lupron), waiting for treatment, watchful waiting, refuses treatment: C00.XX to D48.XX**

C50.A Malignant Inflammatory Neoplasm of Breast (Effective 10/1/2025)	D3A.0 mm Benign neoplasms
C77.XX to C80.XX Secondary Malignant Neoplasm (Metastases) – Document by location of metastasis	Z85.00 - Z85.9 Use “HISTORY OF” codes for cancers that are cured/show no evidence of disease
C83.XX to C88.XX Lymphoma	Cancer Related Conditions:
C81.9A Hodgkin lymphoma, Unspecified, In Remission	I31.31 Malignant pericardial effusion in diseases classified elsewhere
C85.9A Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Unspecified, In Remission	J91.0 Malignant pleural effusion
C91.XX to C95.1 XX Do not code LEUKEMIA as “history of” rather as “IN REMISSION”	

**Ophthalmology**

H34.81 XX Central Retinal Vein Occlusion	H35.32 m Exudative Macular Degeneration
H34.83 XX Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion	H43.1 XX Vitreous Hemorrhage

**Psychiatric- Document chronic lifetime conditions.**

**F20.XX Schizophrenia F31.XX Bipolar**

**Major Depression - Do NOT write “depression”. Instead, document as “major depression” with a specific descriptor: mild, moderate, severe, partial or full remission.**

F32.XX Single Episode	F33.XX Recurrent, lifetime
F32.1 Major Depressive Disorder, Moderate	F33.1 Major Depressive Disorder, Moderate
F32.2 Major Depressive Disorder, Severe without Psychotic Features	F33.2 Major Depressive Disorder, Severe without Psychotic Features
F32.3 Major Depressive Disorder, Severe with Psychotic Features	F33.3 Major Depressive Disorder, Severe with Psychotic Features

**Drug Dependence - Code for patients on chronic meds for treatment with maladaptive behavior. Must document at least 2 maladaptive behaviors to code “dependence,” including desire, or unsuccessful effort to cut down, etc. Tolerance and withdrawal are to be used as criteria only if the patient is non-compliant or they have chronic opiate use.**

F10.20 Alcoholic Dependence, Uncomplicated	F11. 2 Opioid Dependence	F14.1 Cocaine Abuse
F10.21 Alcoholic Dependence, In Remission	F12.2 Cannabis Dependence	F14.2 Cocaine Dependence
F10.1 Alcohol Abuse	F12.9 Cannabis Use	Z79.891 Chronic Opiate Use
F11.1 Opioid Abuse	F13.2 Benzodiazepines	

**Dementia-Check MMSE/SLUMS.**

F01.XX Vascular Dementia	F03.B Unspecified Moderate Dementia	F03.918 Dementia, Unspecified severity, with other behavioral disturbance	G30.9 + F02.8 m Dementia in Alzheimer's
F02.80 Dementia in other diseases without behavioral disturbance	F03.C Unspecified Severe Dementia	F03.92 Unspecified Dementia, Unspecified severity with Psychotic Disturbance	
F02.818 Dementia in other diseases, Unspecified severity, with other behavioral disturbance	F03.90 Dementia without behavioral disturbance (Unspecified)	F03.93 Unspecified Dementia, Unspecified severity with Mood Disturbance	
F03.A Unspecified Mild Dementia	F03.90 + F05 Dementia with Psychosis (delusions, hallucinations)	F03.94 Unspecified Dementia, Unspecified severity with Anxiety	

**Personality Disorders**

F50.00 Anorexia nervosa, Unspecified	F50.02XX Anorexia nervosa, binge eating/purging type	F50.81XX Binge Eating Disorder
F50.01XX Anorexia nervosa, restricting type	F50.2XX Bulimia nervosa	

**Respiratory- Document to the highest specificity and include type of asthma or bronchitis.**

J41.0 Simple Chronic Bronchitis (smokers cough)	J44.9 COPD	J82.81 Chronic eosinophilic pneumonia	Z99.81 Long Term Oxygen Use - be sure to document chronic pulmonary condition
J43.9 Emphysema	J45.50 Severe persistent asthma, Uncomplicated	J84.10 Post inflammatory Pulmonary Fibrosis (interstitial scarring) Lung Granuloma	
J44.89 Other Specified Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	J47.9 Bronchiectasis, Unspecified	J96.10 Chronic Respiratory Failure - consider in COPD if Pulse Ox is <88% on room air	

**Urology**

C61 Malignant Neoplasm of Prostate	E72.53 Primary Hyperoxaluria (Effective 10/1/2025)
C67.9 Malignant Neoplasm of Bladder, Unspecified	E72.54 Secondary Hyperoxaluria (Effective 10/1/2025)