

Chronic Conditions Need a Yearly Evaluation

Good coding requires that the “immediate” problem of the patient be evaluated, documented and coded. In addition, all conditions that effect the “composite picture” of the patient’s health status need to be recorded at least once per year. Here are some conditions that may need to be considered:

1. **Is the patient on Renal Dialysis?**
 Category ICD-9 V45.11
 HCC 130
 Factor 1.349
2. **Does the patient have Tracheostomy Status or Dependence on Respirator ?**
 Category ICD-9 V44.0 (Tracheostomy Status)
 Category V46 Respirator Status –
 HCC 77
 Factor 1.867
3. **Is the patient Protein Calorie Malnourished?**
 Category ICD-9 263
 HCC 21
 Factor .856
 (Cachexia Code 799.4 has the same classification, HCC and Factor)
4. **Is the patient a Lower Limb Amputee?**
 Category ICD-9 V49.70-77
 HCC 177
 Factor .678
5. **Does the patient have Artificial Openings for Feeding or Elimination?**
 Category ICD-9 V44 (with the exception of V44.7)
 HCC 176
 Factor .662
6. **Attention to Artificial Openings for Feeding or Elimination?**
 Category ICD-9 V55.x
 HCC 176
 Factor .662
7. **Does the patient have a Major Organ Transplant?**
 (Heart, Lung, Liver, Bone Marrow, Peripheral Stem Cell, Pancreas, Intestines)
 Category ICD-9 V42.x or xx
 HCC 174
 Factor .705
8. **Does the patient have HIV Status?**
 Category ICD-9 V08 Asymptomatic HIV
 HCC 1
 Factor .945
9. **Does the patient have Major Depression?**
 Category ICD-9 296
 HCC 55
 Factor .353
10. **Is the patient Drug Dependent?**
 Category ICD-9 304
 HCC 52
 Factor .274
11. **Is the patient Alcohol Dependent?**
 Category ICD-9 303
 HCC 52
 Factor .274
12. **Has the patient had an MI in the past?**
 Category ICD-9 Code 412
 HCC 83
 Factor .244
13. **Is the patient Insulin Dependent?**
 Category ICD-9 Code V58.67
 HCC 19
 Factor .162