

HCC Coding Corner | Pulmonology

HCC categories that are relevant to the Pulmonology specialty:

- HCC 9: Lung and Other Severe Cancers
- HCC 82: Respirator Dependence/Tracheostomy Status
- HCC 83: Respiratory Arrest
- HCC 84: Cardio-Respiratory Failure and Shock
- HCC 110: Cystic Fibrosis
- HCC 111: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- HCC 112: Fibrosis of Lung and Other Chronic Lung Disorders
- HCC 114: Aspirations and Specified Bacterial Pneumonia
- HCC 115: Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Empyema, Lung Disorders

What Providers Should Do:

- Code for all conditions that affect or influence patient care, treatment or management.
- Code to the highest specificity including any complications

ICD-10 Coding scenarios associated with these conditions:

Example 1: A 67 year old male presents for a follow up visit for Pneumonia. The patient also has Chronic Respiratory Failure due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and is considered Morbidly Obese.

ICD-10 Code	Description- Partial Coding	HCC Weight
J18.9	Pneumonia, unspecified	0.00
J44.9	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, unspecified	0.335
E66.9	Obesity, unspecified	0.00
Not coded	Chronic Respiratory Failure	0.00
	Demographic Risk Factor (Community, Non Dual, Aged):	0.308
	Total Score:	0.643
	PMPM Payment:	\$514.40
	Medicare expects this patient to cost:	\$6,172.80
ICD-10 Code	Description- Coding Highest Specificity	HCC Weight
J18.1	Lobar Pneumonia	0.130
J44.0	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease w/ Acute Lower Respiratory Infection	0.335
J96.10	Chronic Respiratory Failure	0.282
E66.01, Z68.39	Morbid obesity due to excess calories with a BMI of 39.0-39.9	0.250
N/A	Interaction between Cardiorespiratory Failure & COPD	0.363
	Demographic Risk Factor (Community, Non Dual, Aged):	0.308
	Total Score:	1.674
	PMPM Payment:	\$1339.20
	Medicare expects this patient to cost:	\$16,070.40

Example 2: A 72 year old female presents for a follow up visit for Lung Cancer. The patient has chronic conditions including Congestive Heart Failure and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

ICD-10 Code	Description- Partial Coding	HCC Weight
C34.2	Malignant Neoplasm of Lung	1.024
	Demographic Risk Factor (Community, Non Dual, Aged):	0.386
	Total Score:	1.410
	PMPM Payment:	\$1128.00
	Medicare expects this patient to cost:	\$13,536.00
ICD-10 Code	Description- Coding Highest Specificity	HCC Weight
C34.2	Malignant Neoplasm of Lung	1.024
J44.9	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	0.335
I50.22	Chronic Systolic (Congestive) Heart Failure	0.331
N/A	Interaction between CHF and COPD	0.155
	Demographic Risk Factor (Community, Non Dual, Aged):	0.386
	Total Score:	2.231
	PMPM Payment:	\$1,784.80
	Medicare expects this patient to cost:	\$21,417.60