

HCC Coding Corner | Vascular

HCC categories that are relevant to the Vascular specialty:

- HCC 106: Atherosclerosis of Extremities with Ulceration or Gangrene
- HCC 107: Vascular Disease with Complications
- HCC 108: Vascular Disease
- HCC 161: Chronic Ulcer of Skin, Except Pressure
- HCC 189: Amputation Status, Lower Limb/Amputation Complications

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: A 90 year old male presents with peripheral vascular disease including an ulcer of the left ankle limited to the breakdown of the skin.

ICD-10 Code	Description- No Conditions Coded	HCC Weight
Not coded	Peripheral vascular disease	0.00
	Demographic Risk Factor (Community, Non Dual, Aged):	0.841
	Total Score:	0.841
	PMPM Payment:	\$672.80
	Medicare expects this patient to cost:	\$8,073.60
ICD-10 Code	Description- Partial Coding	HCC Weight
I73.9	Peripheral vascular disease, unspecified	0.288
	Demographic Risk Factor (Community, Non Dual, Aged):	0.841
	Total Score:	1.129
	PMPM Payment:	\$903.20
	Medicare expects this patient to cost:	\$10,838.40
ICD-10 Code	Description- Coding Highest Specificity	HCC Weight
I70.243, L97.321	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with ulceration of ankle limited to breakdown of skin	1.488
	Demographic Risk Factor (Community, Non Dual, Aged):	0.841
	Total Score:	2.329
	PMPM Payment:	\$1,863.20
	Medicare expects this patient to cost:	\$22,358.40

Coding Tip: Coding Peripheral Vascular Disease to the Highest Specificity

The codes in this category, I70 Atherosclerosis, are classified by type of vessel, by site, and by the severity. Code at the highest level of severity when a patient has multiple symptoms of lower extremity atherosclerosis. The hierarchy from most severe to least severe is as follow:

- Gangrene, with tissue necrosis
- Ulceration, with non-healing wound
- Rest pain, with chronic ischemia
- Intermittent claudication, with ischemia upon exertion

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2018-ICD-10-CM-Coding-Guidelines.pdf>