

Entering and Addressing HCC Codes

The Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCC) was developed and implemented by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) in order to create a risk adjustment methodology to provide adequate payment.

HCC codes identify patients with serious or chronic illness and assigns a risk factor score to the person based upon a combination of the patient's health conditions and demographic details.

HCC codes must be addressed once a year. It is recommended that they are addressed the first visit of the year.

HCC Indicators in Allscripts



When searching a problem, this icon indicates that the code is a HCC code.



When searching a problem, this icon indicates that the code is a non-specific HCC code. Please do not use these codes.



This icon indicates that the problem is in the patient's problem list and has been assessed this calendar year.



This icon indicates that the problem is in the patient's problem list and has been assessed but is unspecified.



This icon indicates that the problem is in the patient's problem list and has NOT been assessed this calendar year.



This icon indicates that the problem is in the patient's problem list and has NOT been assessed this calendar year and is an unspecified code.

The first visit of the year, review the patient's problem list. **Assess, Resolve, Suppress, or Transition** the problem by **Right Clicking**.

Active	
Acquired hypocalciuric	Secondary to ▶
Acute upper respiratory	Transition to ▶
Allergic rhinitis	New Instance
Anticoagulant long-term	Duplicate Problem
B12 deficiency	Assess
Benign prostatic hyper	Assess And Resolve
Body mass index (BMI)	Assess/Resolve/Suppress
Bradycardia	Resolve
Cancer	Resolve and Suppress
Change in stool habits	Resolve and Include in Active
Chronic bronchitis	Change Status to ▶
Current every day smol	Add to My Priority
Dental caries	Hide Header Rows
Family estrangement	Include In PMH
Family stress	Show or Hide ▶
History of asthma	Link Health Concern
HTN (hypertension), be	

If a HCC code was assessed, be sure to add the code to the encounter form so that it can be billed.

Remember, codes must be addressed every calendar year. Every January the Allscripts HCC indicators, reset.

