



Tips & Tricks Weekly



Proper HCC coding increases reimbursement

◆ HCC– Hierarchical Condition Category Codes

- ⇒ HCC codes need to be assessed yearly.
- ⇒ Pop Health will be adding HCC codes documented from outside records to ETSU Health’s EHR.
- ⇒ Review those HCC codes for accuracy!
- ⇒ Assess any HCC’s that need it and remove any inaccurate ones.

- ⇒ Patients with high HCCs are expected to require intensive medical treatment and their clinicians are reimbursed at higher rates than lower HCC code scores.
- ⇒ Review previous Tips and Tricks and QI Weeklies about problem specificity and HCC coding tricks.
- ⇒ Not all HCC codes are equal. They are weighted.

⇒ Never remove a task.

Icon	Meaning
	Assessed
	Assessed & Unspecified
	Master
	Master & Unspecified
	Unassessed
	Unassessed & Unspecified

**Unassessed=Not assessed for the current calendar year*

Be specific! Not all Depression codes are HCC and not all HCC codes have the same reimbursement.

Use the Clinical Qualifier tool to help narrow down to the specific code.