Professional Coding System Overview

ACHIEVE REVENUE
MANAGEMENT

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Hierarchical Condition Categories

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Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCC)

WHAT?

WHY?

HOW?

WHAT are Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs)?

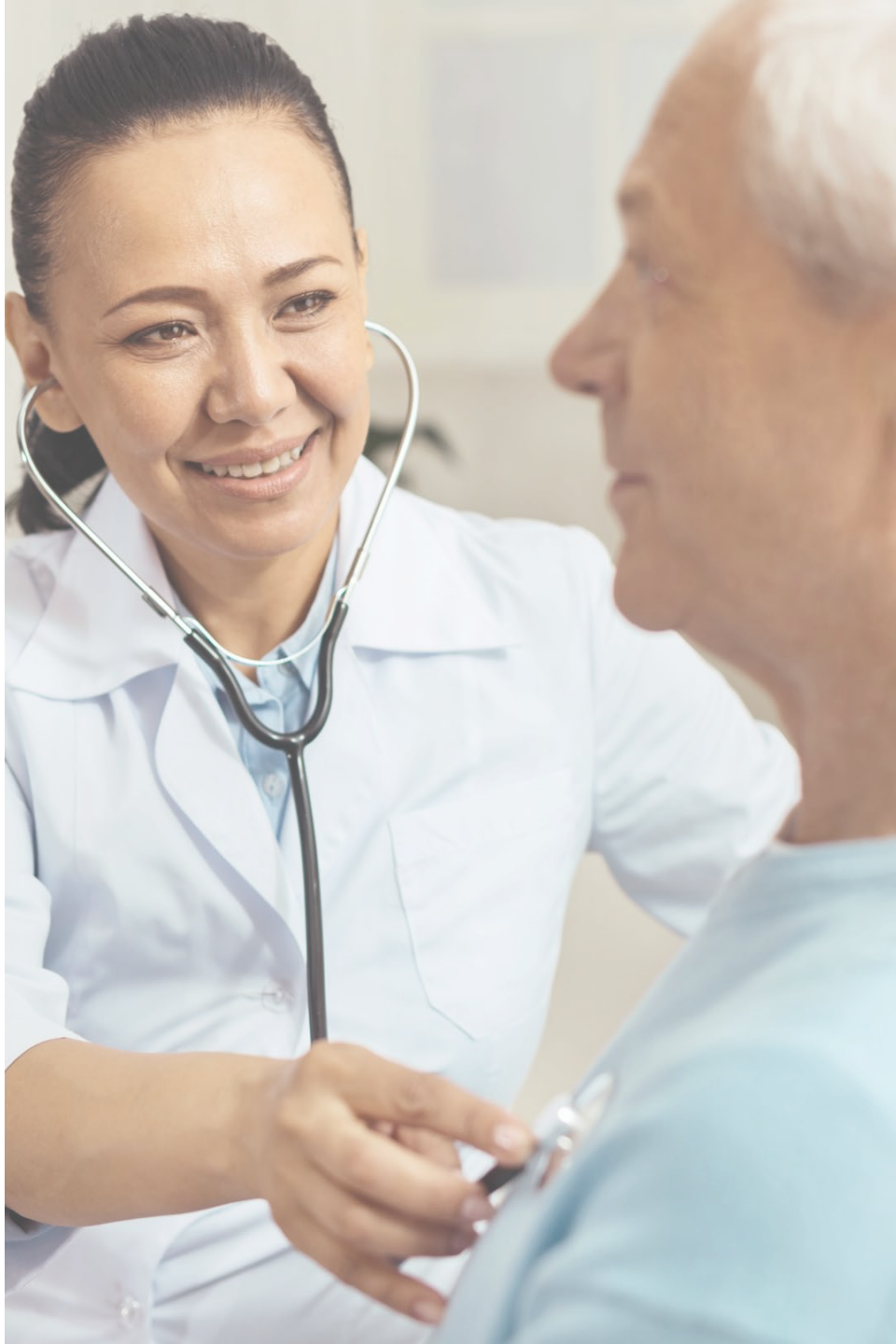
- Groupings of clinically similar diagnoses
- Conditions are categorized hierarchically
- Each HCC is assigned a value relative to other conditions
- Used by CMS (and others) as part of determining risk or conducting a risk adjustments model

Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCC)

WHY

HCC codes are important to FQHCs?

- Accurate HCCs should translate to better determination of risk score associated with individual patients
- Often impact Accountable Care Organization (ACO) benchmarking
- Can be used internally to determine specific scores to target for services or resources
- Providers directly impact HCC assigned to patient



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HOW:
HCC codes are determined

- Health conditions are identified via International Classification of Diseases–10 (ICD–10-CM) diagnoses that are submitted by providers on incoming claims
- ICD-10 codes map to HCC category
- Distinct HCCs are assigned specific values used to calculate individual patient risk score

HOW:

HCC coding and ICD-10-CM codes work together

ICD-10-CM Codes	HCC Category Description	HCC	Disease Hierarchy
B20, B97.35, Z21	HIV/AIDS	1	
A02.1, A20.7, A22.7, A26.7, A32.7, A39.2-A39.4, A40.-, A41.-, A42.7, A48.3, A54.86, B00.7, B37.7, P36.-, R57.1, R57.8, R65.1-, R65.2-, T81.12XA	Septicemia, Sepsis, Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome/ Shock	2	
A07.2, A31.0, A31.2, B25.-, B37.1, B37.7, B37.81, B44.0-B44.7, B44.89, B44.9, B45.-, B46.-, B48.4, B48.8, B58.2, B58.3, B59	Opportunistic Infections	6	
C77.1-C77.2, C77.4-C77.8, C78.-, C79.00-C79.72, C79.89, C79.9, C7B.-, C80.0, C91.0-, C92.00-C92.02, C92.40-C92.A2, C93.0-, C94.00-C94.22, C94.40-C94.42, C95.0-	Metastatic Cancer and Acute Leukemia	8	9, 10, 11, 12
C15.-, C16.-, C17.-, C22. -, C23, C24.-, C25.-, C33, C34.-, C38.4, C45.-, C48.-, C90.00-C90.22, C92.10-C92.32, C92.Z0-C92.92, C93.10-C93.92, C94.30-C94.32, C94.80-C94.82	Lung and Other Severe Cancers	9	10, 11, 12
C40.-, C41.-, C46.-, C47.-, C49.-, C56.-, C57.00-C57.4, C58, C70.-, C71.-, C72.-, C74.-, C75.1-C75.3, C77.3, C77.9, C79.2, C79.81, C79.82, C81.-, C82.-, C83.-, C84.-, C85.-, C86.-, C88.2-C88.9, C90.3-, C91.-, C95.10-C95.92, C96.-	Lymphoma and Other Cancers	10	11, 12
C01, C02.-, C03.-, C04.-, C05.-, C06.-, C07, C08.-, C09.-, C10.-, C11.-, C12, C13.-, C14.-, C18.-, C19, C20, C21.-, C26.-, C30.-, C31.-, C32.-, C37, C38.0-C38.3, C38.8, C39.-, C51.-, C52, C53.-, C57.7-C57.9, C64.-, C65.-, C66.-, C67.-, C68.-	Colorectal, Bladder, and Other Cancers	11	12
C43.-, C4A.-, C50.-, C54.-, C55, C60.-, C61, C62.-, C63.-, C69.-, C73, C75.0, C75.4-C75.9, C76.-, C7A.-, C80.1, C80.2, D03.-, D18.02, D32.-, D33.-, D35.2-D35.4, D42.-, D43.-, D44.3-D44.7, D49.6, E34.0, Q85.-	Breast, Prostate, and Other Cancers and Tumors	12	

HOW:
to assist with accurate HCC coding

- Assign all ICD-10 codes to the highest level of specificity possible
- Maintain an accurate and up-to-date problem list
- Address (in face-to-face encounter), document and code for all chronic conditions every year
  - Scores are reset January 1st of each year in some plans

HOW:
to assist with accurate HCC coding

Tips or Tools for documenting chronic conditions:

M	Monitoring	signs, symptoms, disease progression, disease regression
E	Evaluated	test results, medication effectiveness, response to treatment
A	Addressed	ordered tests, discussion, review records, counseling
T	Treated	medications, therapies, other modalities

HOW:
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Tips or Tools for documenting chronic conditions:

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- **T** Treatment
- **A** Assessment
- **M** Monitoring or Medicate
- **P** Plan
- **E** Evaluate
- **R** Referral

https://ionhealthcarepulse.com/2016/09/28/faqs-on-risk-adjustment/

Reimbursement Tips:

CMS/Medicare Care Management

This compendium of care management tools is available free of charge on NACHC's Elevate platform