

# VERSION 23 CMS-HCC HIGHLIGHTS

Your comprehensive guide to the CMS-HCC updates in version 23

Like all reporting structures, CMS updates its Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) list each year. Recently, version 23 was released, and it contains some notable additions that all CDI professionals must be aware of. It's crucial that CDI professionals understand and plan for these changes to avoid documentation errors and ensure adequate resource allocation for their patients.

*HCCs are diagnosis codes based on ICD-10 codes. They include distinct disease groups derived from diagnosis codes that are mostly chronic in nature, and therefore often treated in the outpatient setting. Because of this, HCCs will be included on ACDIS' upcoming certification for outpatient CDI professionals.*

## HCC 55

Holds the same ethanol (ETOH) dependence and now also includes a variety of accidental or undetermined poisoning conditions.

## HCC 56



This new category breaks out abuse, uncomplicated, and abuse, in remission for: opioid, sedatives, cocaine, other stimulants, hallucinogens, inhalants, and other psychoactive substances. It excludes ETOH.

It is the lowest rung in the hierarchy (with HCC 57, schizophrenias, as the most severe rung).

## HCC 58

Now only includes psychotic disorders and psychosis.

## HCC 59



This new category includes mania, major depressive disorder, bipolar, poisoning due to self-harm, and other self-harm activity.

In version 22, "other self-harm activity" was included in HCC 58 with a higher weight.

## HCC 60

This new category includes dissociative fugues, stupor, identity disorders, OCD, and narcissism.

It is the lowest category in the hierarchy.

**ACDIS Insider Tip:** The additions related to mental health and substance use conditions will, in the long run, provide better statistics for populations health and therefore allow for better resource allocation and care of these patients. CDI professionals, however, will need further education around these conditions as they are often outside of CDI's purview. Consider meeting with the clinicians in the mental health department to get more information.

## HCC 138

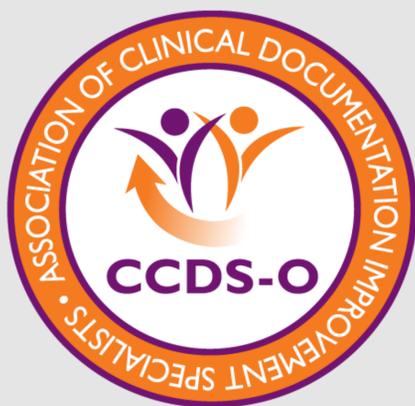


This new category falls into the renal hierarchy and captures CKD stage III.

It only includes ICD-10 code N18.3, and it is the lowest category in its hierarchy.

**ACDIS Insider Tip:** CKD stage III is one of the most common stages a physician will encounter, but before HCC version 23, the diagnosis was not risk adjusted. This addition will result in more accurate reimbursements for these patients reflecting their true clinical acuity.

## The Outpatient CDI Credential is coming soon!



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