

Documentation Pearls



Diagnosis

'CKD3a'

Status

'GFR stable at 50'

Plan

'Avoiding NSAIDS and follows w/ Nephrology'



Avoid use of "History of..." if condition is chronic or ongoing. "History of" signifies to CMS that the condition is resolved and no longer active (ex: History of breast CA).

Clearly state that the condition is active

- "Pt with current conditions being evaluated today as follows: COPD, Diastolic CHF, DM2 w HTN etc."

Use same verbiage in note as is in the codes you selected for submission:

⊘ -DM w/ Neuropathy submitted on claim, but HPI states "DM uncomplicated, Leg pain- controlled on Neurontin."

★ -DM w/ Neuropathy submitted on claim, HPI states DM w/neuropathy- both controlled, continue Metformin and Neurontin

Document 'status' conditions once yearly.

- Transplants
- Ostomies
- Amputations
- Dialysis

Be specific: 'Obesity' is not an HCC code, but 'Severe Class 2 Obesity (BMI 35+) with comorbidity' carries HCC weight. 'Depression' is not an HCC code but 'Mild Major Depression' or 'Major Depression in remission' are HCC codes. 'Alcohol dependence in remission' carries HCC weight.