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## HEART FAILURE (HF) CODING AND BILLING

For all risk adjustment models it is imperative that the provider evaluates and documents all chronic conditions to the highest level of specificity on an annual basis. However, it is equally important that the providers documentation is coded and billed properly. It is the coding and billing process that reports the condition to CMS which makes it extremely important to code and bill to the highest specificity possible from the provider documentation. This will ensure the highest level of care for all patients.



**Per ICD-10 guideline Section I.A.15, there is a presumed relationship when coding heart failure in the presence of hypertension.**

- The provider is not required to document the conditions to be related in order for the coder to capture the combination diagnosis code(s). *The only exception to this guideline is when the provider specifically documents that the heart failure is related to a condition other than hypertension.*

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**CODING HEART FAILURE IN THE PRESENCE OF HYPERTENSION**

I11.0	Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
<b>*There is a "use additional code" to identify type of heart failure (I50.-) ICD-10 directive</b>	

**ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR SELECTING THE CORRECT CODE FOR HEART FAILURE:**

1. Did the provider document heart failure to be **compensated, decompensated, exacerbated?**
2. Did the provider document heart failure to be **diastolic, systolic, combined diastolic and systolic?**
3. Did the provider document the heart failure to be **acute, chronic, acute on chronic?**

**CODING HEART FAILURE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SPECIFICITY (not an all-inclusive list)**

I50.1	Left ventricle failure, unspecified
I50.20	Unspecified <b>systolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.21	<b>Acute systolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.22	<b>Chronic systolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.23	<b>Acute on chronic systolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.30	Unspecified <b>diastolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.31	<b>Acute diastolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.32	<b>Chronic diastolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.33	<b>Acute on diastolic</b> (congestive) heart failure
I50.40	Unspecified <b>combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive)</b> heart failure
I50.41	<b>Acute combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive)</b> heart failure
I50.42	<b>Chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive)</b> heart failure
I50.43	<b>Acute on chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive)</b> heart failure
I50.9	Heart failure, unspecified
<b>*There is a "code first" heart failure due to hypertension (I11.0) ICD-10 directive</b>	