Sample Diagnoses Codes to Identify Patients Living with Serious Illness

Identifying people with potentially unmet palliative care needs is often a challenge, as palliative care is needed by a broad range of diagnoses, often those with complex or advanced stages of illness. This document can provide a starting point for a proactive identification process using claims data. Diagnostic inclusion criteria helps to define a population based on need, not prognosis.

Inclusion Criteria for a Population to be Screened for Palliative Care Services

Condition	ICD-10 Codes
Cancer	C15 - C26, C30 - C39, C40 - C41, C45 - C49, C50, C51 - C58, C60 - C63, C64 - C68, C69 - C72, C73 - C75, C76 - C80, C81 - C97
Heart Disease	I09.81, I110.0, I111.1, I130.0 - I130.9, I132.0 - I132.9, I50.1, I50.20 - I50.23, I50.30 - I50.33, I50.40 - I50.43, I50.90 - I50.99, J8100 - J8109
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Other Respiratory	J43.0 - J43.2, J43.8 - J 43.9, J68.4, J84.10, J84.112, J84.17, J96.10 - J96.22, J 96.9x, J98.2 - J 98.3
Dementias	F01.51, F02.80, F02.81, F03.91, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8 , G30.9, G31.01, G31.09, G31.83
Renal Disease	I12.0, I13.11, N18.4 - N18.6, N18.9, N19.0, N28.0, Z49.32
Liver Disease	K70.11, K70.40 - .41, K74.02 - K74.69

[Note: Codes are based on guidance from the CAPC Multi-Payer Workgroup convened in 2016, and the NCQA Advanced Illness Value Set released 2020]

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