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	C00 - C14, C15 - C26, C30 - C39, C40 - C49, C50.xx, C51 - C58, C60 - C63, C64 - C68, C69 - C72, C73 - C75, C76 - C80, C7A - C7B, C81 - C97, D00 - D09, D45.0, D46.xx, D 75.1
Heart Disease	109.81, 1110.0 - 1110.9, 1111.1, 1130.0 - 1130.9, 1132.0 - 1132.9, 150.1, 150.20 - 150.23, 150.30 - 150.33, 150.40 - 150.43, 150.90 - 150.99, 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	A81.00, A81.01, A81.09, F01.50, F01.51, F02.80, F02.81, F03.90, F03.91, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, G31.01, G31.09, G31.83
Renal Disease	I12.0, I13.11, N18.1 - N18.6, N18.9, N19.0, N28.0, Z49.32
Liver Disease	K70.10, K70.11, K70.2, K70.3031, K70.4041, K70.9, K74.0 - K74.69
Other	163.xx, L89.119, L89.139, L89.149, L89.209, L89.309, L89.899, L89.90, M 62.50, M 62.81, M61.85, Z51.5, Z73.6, Z74.01, Z74.09, Z74.1 - Z74.3, Z 74.8 - Z74.9, Z91.81, Z99.11, Z99.3, Z99.81, Z99.89

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