

Cardiomyopathy HCC coding requires specificity

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Cardiomyopathy is an HCC diagnosis that is frequently miscoded due to a lack of specificity. Most types of cardiomyopathy are associated with an HCC in the CMS Medicare Advantage payment model, but **ischemic** cardiomyopathy is NOT. Therefore, when known, it is very important to document and code the specific type of cardiomyopathy (ischemic cardiomyopathy vs. dilated cardiomyopathy) you are addressing.

In order to accurately report cardiomyopathy, your documentation and the ICD 10 code assigned should include the following details:

- **Type of Cardiomyopathy**
 - Dilated
 - Obstructive hypertrophic
 - Non-obstructive hypertrophic
 - Restrictive
 - Endomyocardial
 - Endocardial fibroelastosis
 - Constrictive
 - Alcoholic (also code alcoholism)
 - Due to drugs or other agents (indicate drug/agent, and if due to poisoning or adverse effect)
 - Ischemic
- **Cause, if known** – congenital, alcohol or other condition
- **Patient Symptoms**
- **Treatment**

If cardiomyopathy is seen in other conditions such as gout, amyloidosis or thyrotoxicosis, include that in your documentation and code that condition also.