

## Risk Coding Tips and Tools Importance of Recapturing Chronic Conditions

### What is the Importance of the Risk Adjustment Process?

- This process is used to estimate future health spending by utilizing ICD-10 codes that roll up to certain Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs). Conditions in these categories have an impact on the Risk Adjustment Factor (RAF) score and should be assessed and coded, when appropriate, once every calendar year
- To accurately estimate risk scores, it often requires a coordinated effort across physicians, coding professionals and/or management teams

### Steps to Recapturing Chronic Conditions:

#### D. S. P. – Diagnosis, Status & Support, Plan of Treatment

- Schedule patients for a face-to-face encounter or telehealth visit with video, at least once per calendar year.
- Utilize HCC Recapture Best Practice Advisory (BPA) reminders and Risk Coder suggestions for open coding opportunities and suspect conditions **(See Page 2)**.
- Document each chronic condition to the highest level of specificity.
- Document and support all chronic conditions that have been confirmed from consults, radiology and lab results, and specialist notes at least once per year.
- Document and support “status conditions” at least once per calendar year, such as, dialysis status, amputations status, and transplants.
- Review and update the medication and problem list.



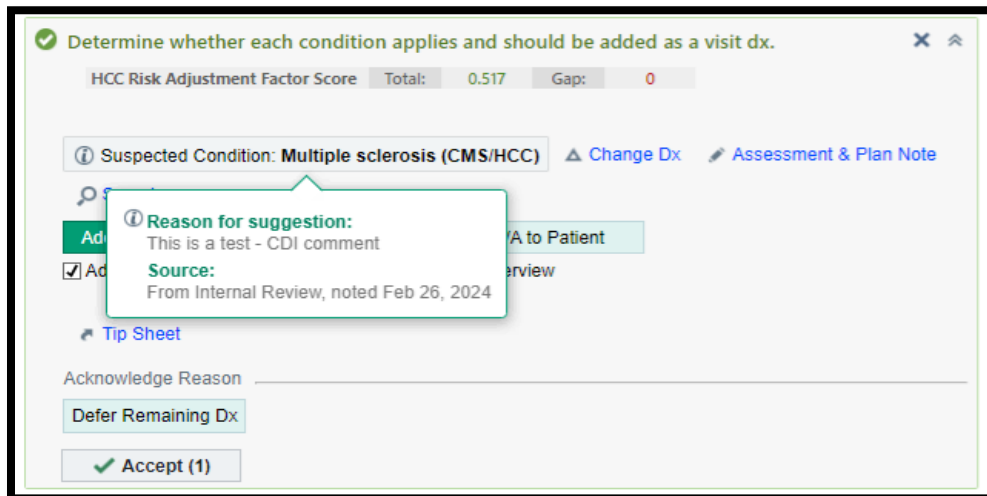
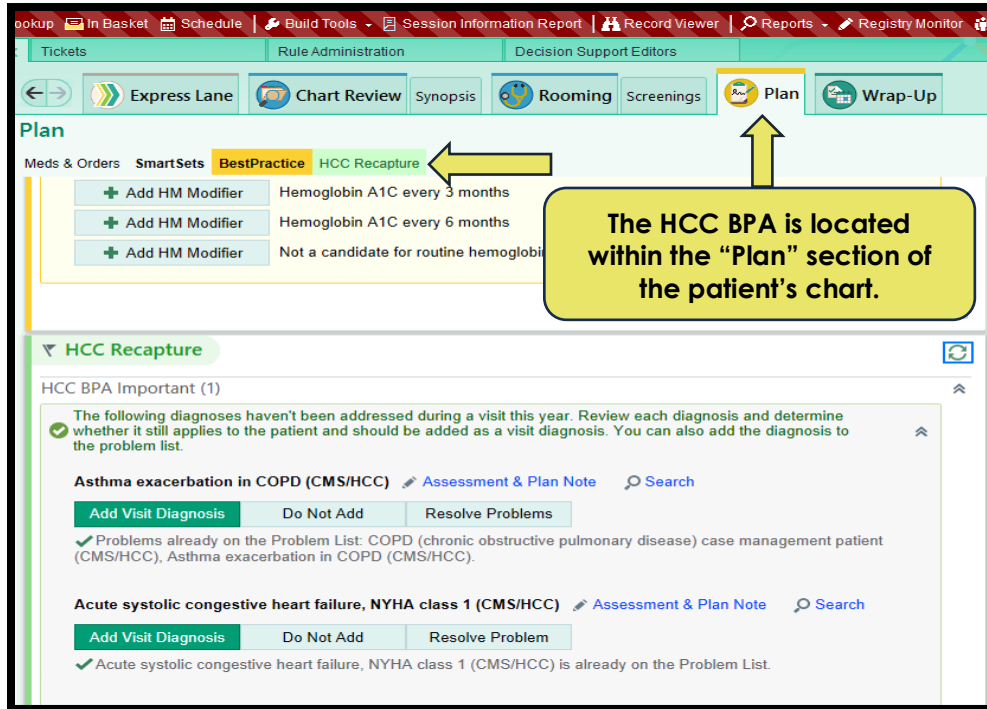
Any lapses or inconsistencies in capturing these recurring HCCs can result in an understated risk score. Consistent documentation is the key.

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Alerts specific to risk coding opportunities will appear in a separate tab indicated in green and titled “HCC Recapture”.



Hover over the (i) to see the reason for the suspect suggestion.

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