

## Risk Adjustment Variables for CMS Transforming Episode Accountability Model (TEAM)

The Table below shows the variables used for the TEAM risk adjustment model as updated in the FY2026 Proposed IPPS Rule. The FY2026 rule incorporates HCC Version 28, which includes many additional HCC categories and increases the risk score lookback period from three to six months.

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		Lower Joint	Major Bowel		Spinal
Variable Name	CABG	Replacement	Procedure	SHFFT	Fusion
Beneficiary Characteristics					
Age less than 65	х	х	х	Х	Х
Age 65 to less than 75	х	x	х	Х	Х
Age 75 to less than 85	х	х	x	х	х
Age 85 or more	х	х	х	х	х
Social needs score	Х	х	х	Х	Х
HCC Count (90 days before episode begins)					
Total HCC count of zero	х	х	х	х	х
Total HCC count of one	х	х	х	х	х
Total HCC count of two	x	x	x	х	х
Total HCC count of three	x	x	х	х	х
Total HCC count of four or more	х	х	х	Х	Х
Hospital Characteristics					
Beds 250 or less	х	х	х	х	х
Beds 251 to 500	X	x	x	х	х
Beds 501 to 850	x	х	x	х	х
Beds 851 or more	х	х	х	Х	х
Hospital is safety net	х	х	х	Х	х
Other Beneficiary Characteristics					
Post-acute care in prior 3 months	х	х			х
Ankle, Hip, or Knee Procedures in prior 3 months		х			
Disability as Original Enrollment		x			
Long-term institutional care resident			х		

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