

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.

Source: CMS 2026 IPPS Proposed Rule, pp1018-1020. <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06271.pdf>. Accessed 4/28/25.

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

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Specific HCC Codes (prior 6 months)					
Acute Heart Failure (Excludes Acute on Chronic)		X			
Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI)	X				
Amputation Status, Lower Limb/Amputation Complications	X				
Artificial Openings for Feeding or Elimination			X		
Atherosclerosis of Arteries of the Extremities with Ulceration or Gangrene	X				
Cancer Metastatic to Bone, Other and Unspecified Metastatic Cancer; Acute Leukemia Except Myeloid					X
Cancer, Colorectal, Bladder, and Other			X		
Cardio-Respiratory Failure and Shock	X		X	X	
Cerebral Palsy, Except Quadriplegic					X
Chronic Heart Failure (CHF)	X	X	X	X	X
Chronic Heart Failure, Acute Event	X	X	X		X
Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuritis and Multifocal Motor Neuropathy					X
Chronic Kidney Disease (Stage 5)	X	X	X	X	X
Chronic Kidney Disease, Severe (Stage 4)	X	X	X		
Chronic Liver Failure				X	
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	X	X	X	X	
Chronic Ulcer of Skin, Except Pressure	X	X	X	X	X
Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism		X	X		X
Dementia	X	X	X	X	X
Diabetes with Chronic Complications	X	X	X	X	X
Diabetes with Glycemic, Unspecified, or No Complications				X	
Diabetes with Severe Acute Complications		X		X	
Heart Arrhythmias, Specified	X	X	X	X	X
Hematological Disorders, Severe				X	
Hemiplegia/Hemiparesis	X	X	X	X	X
Hip Fracture/Dislocation		X		X	
Intestinal Obstruction/Perforation			X		
Major Depressive, Bipolar, Paranoid	X	X	X		X
Metastatic Cancer & Acute Leukemia		X	X		X
Monoplegia, Other Paralytic Syndromes					X
Multiple Sclerosis				X	
Obesity, Morbid	X	X	X	X	X
Parkinson's and Huntington's	X	X	X	X	X
Quadriplegia & Paraplegia				X	X
Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy				X	
Respirator Dependence/Tracheostomy Status			X	X	
Rheumatoid Arthritis				X	X
Schizophrenia		X	X		
Seizure Disorders and Convulsions			X		
Severe Diabetic Eye Disease, Retinal Vein Occlusion, and Vitreous Hemorrhage	X				
Spinal Cord Disorders/Injuries					X
Stroke, Ischemic or Unspecified	X			X	X
Unstable Angina and Other Acute Ischemic Heart Disease	X				
Vertebral Fractures without Spinal Cord Injury					X

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