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# Pneumonia

## CMS-HCC\_V28 Model Updates

At Healthfirst, we are committed to helping providers accurately document and code their patients' health records. This tip sheet is intended to assist providers and coding staff with the documentation and **ICD-10-CM selection, along with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Version 28 Model Updates**, on services submitted to Healthfirst—specifically for **pneumonia**. It provides information from industry sources about proper coding practice. However, this document does not represent or guarantee that Healthfirst will cover and/or pay for services outlined. Coverage decisions are based on the terms of the applicable evidence of coverage and the provider's participation agreement. This includes the determination of any amounts that Healthfirst or the member owes the provider.

# Documentation and Coding

## ICD-10-CM Codes and Descriptions

Code	Description
J15.0	Pneumonia due to Klebsiella pneumoniae
J15.1	Pneumonia due to Pseudomonas
J15.20	Pneumonia due to staphylococcus, unspecified
J15.211	Pneumonia due to Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus
J15.212	Pneumonia due to Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus
J15.29	Pneumonia due to other staphylococcus
J15.5	Pneumonia due to Escherichia coli
J15.6*	Pneumonia due to other Gram-negative bacteria
J15.8	Pneumonia due to other specified bacteria

\*Requires an additional digit to complete code.

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## Clinical Documentation Tips

<b>Type</b>	Document the type of pneumonia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bacterial</li> <li>• Viral</li> </ul>		
<b>Status of Condition</b>	Stable, improved, and/or worsening, resolved		
<b>Causative Organism</b>	Document the causative organism, the specific organism that caused the pneumonia:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. coli (<b>J15.5</b>)</li> <li>• Pseudomonas (<b>J15.1</b>)</li> <li>• Influenza viruses A and B (<b>J10.0*</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parainfluenza virus (<b>J12.2</b>)</li> <li>• Adenovirus (<b>J12.0</b>)</li> <li>• Respiratory syncytial virus (<b>J12.1</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Klebsiella (<b>J15.0</b>)</li> <li>• Staphylococcus aureus (<b>J15.2*</b>)</li> <li>• Streptococcus (<b>J15.3, J15.4</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Related Conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenza</li> <li>• Respiratory failure</li> </ul>		
<b>Do Not</b>	Do not use term “history of” if a patient still has an active infection		
<b>Tobacco Use</b>	Past or present tobacco use ( <b>F17–F17.299</b> )		
<b>Medication Resistance</b>	Specify medication		
<b>Treatments</b>	Antibiotics, penicillin, oxygen therapy, respiratory therapy, oral rehydration therapy, IV fluids		

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## Coding Example

<b>Case</b>	Patient presents with acute renal failure due to severe sepsis from Pseudomonas pneumonia.
<b>ICD-10-CM Codes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>A41.52</b> Sepsis due to Pseudomonas</li><li>• <b>J15.1</b> Pneumonia due to Pseudomonas</li><li>• <b>R65.20</b> Severe sepsis without septic shock</li><li>• <b>N17.9</b> Acute kidney failure, unspecified</li></ul>
<b>Rationale</b>	If all conditions are present, the systemic infection (sepsis) is sequenced first, followed by the codes for the localized infection (pneumonia), severe sepsis, and any organ dysfunction.

## References

- [ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting](#)
- [Coding Clinic Advisor](#)

## Questions?

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