

Diagnoses can only be added to the claim when they are supported by documentation in the visit note.

Only physicians can diagnose patients and so it is imperative that physicians are aware of coding guidelines that pertain to diagnosing a patient especially in an Electronic Medical Record (EMR).

**Patient is 6 ft. and weighs 280 lbs. BMI 38.0  
DM2 with CKD stage 5, HTN, CHF Combined, CAD**

**~~No E11.9 and No I10~~**

**1. E11.22 DM2 w/CKD**

**Lantus\*** and Metformin continue as prescribed sees endo  
last A1c 6.8 improving since last visit continue to track blood sugar levels at home

**2. I13.2 HTN w/ heart disease w/CHF w/CKD**

BP good today continue medications as prescribed and restrict salt intake

**3. I50.42 CHF combined**

sees cardio continue medications as prescribed compliant with specialist visits

**4. N18.5 CKD stage 5**

**renal dialysis\*** every Tues. and Friday sees nephrologist compliant with  
medications and specialist visits

**5. I25.10 CAD**

Stable on current meds take as prescribed sees cardio

**6. E66.01 Morbid Obesity**

BMI combined with comorbidities continue to monitor diet sees nutritionist  
walks 0.5 mile 5-7 days per week

**7. Z68.38 BMI 38.0**

**8. \*Z79.4 long term use of insulin**

**9. \*Z99.2 renal dialysis**

BMI 35.0—39.9 should have a diagnosis of **Morbid Obesity E66.01**  
**if** there are comorbidities that could possibly complicate the issue.