

HIGH comorbidity adjustment interaction subgroups

The chart below lists the subgroups that lead to high comorbidity adjustments under PDGM. Claims with secondary diagnoses within interacting categories will qualify for a high comorbidity adjustment.

Comorbidity subgroup interaction	Comorbidity subgroup	Description	Comorbidity subgroup	Description
1	Behavioral 2	Includes depression and bipolar disorder	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
2	Cerebral 4	Includes sequelae of cerebral vascular diseases	Circulatory 4	Includes hypertensive chronic kidney disease
3	Cerebral 4	Includes sequelae of cerebral vascular diseases	Heart 11	Includes heart failure
4	Cerebral 4	Includes sequelae of cerebral vascular diseases	Neuro 10	Includes peripheral and polyneuropathies
5	Circulatory 4	Includes hypertensive chronic kidney disease	Skin 1	Includes cutaneous abscess, cellulitis, lymphangitis
6	Circulatory 4	Includes hypertensive chronic kidney disease	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
7	Circulatory 4	Includes hypertensive chronic kidney disease	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
8	Circulatory 7	Includes atherosclerosis	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
9	Endocrine 3	Includes diabetes with complications	Neuro 5	Includes Parkinson's disease
10	Endocrine 3	Includes diabetes with complications	Neuro 7	Includes hemiplegia, paraplegia and quadriplegia
11	Endocrine 3	Includes diabetes with complications	Skin 1	Includes cutaneous abscess, cellulitis, lymphangitis
12	Endocrine 3	Includes diabetes with complications	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
13	Heart 10	Includes cardiac dysrhythmias	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
14	Heart 10	Includes cardiac dysrhythmias	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
15	Heart 11	Includes heart failure	Neuro 10	Includes peripheral and polyneuropathies
16	Heart 11	Includes heart failure	Neuro 5	Includes Parkinson's disease
17	Heart 11	Includes heart failure	Skin 1	Includes cutaneous abscess, cellulitis, lymphangitis
18	Heart 11	Includes heart failure	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
19	Heart 11	Includes heart failure	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
20	Heart 12	Includes other heart diseases	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
21	Heart 12	Includes other heart diseases	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
22	Neuro 10	Includes peripheral and polyneuropathies	Neuro 5	Includes Parkinson's disease
23	Neuro 10	Includes peripheral and polyneuropathies	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
24	Neuro 3	Includes dementias	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers

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25	Neuro 3	Includes dementias	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
26	Neuro 5	Includes Parkinson's disease	Renal 3	Includes nephrogenic diabetes insipidus
27	Neuro 7	Includes hemiplegia, paraplegia and quadriplegia	Renal 3	Includes nephrogenic diabetes insipidus
28	Renal 1	Includes Chronic kidney disease and ESRD	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
29	Renal 1	Includes Chronic kidney disease and ESRD	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
30	Renal 3	Includes nephrogenic diabetes insipidus	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
31	Resp 5	Includes COPD and asthma	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
32	Resp 5	Includes COPD and asthma	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site
33	Skin 1	Includes cutaneous abscess, cellulitis, lymphangitis	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers
34	Skin 3	Includes diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries with ulceration and non-pressure, chronic ulcers	Skin 4	Includes Stage 2, 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers by site

Source: 2020 proposed payment rule