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# Heart Failure

## Quick Reference Guide

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## 1. CLINICAL SNAPSHOT

**Definition:** Syndrome of cardiac structural/functional impairment causing inadequate output and/or elevated intracardiac pressures → dyspnea, fatigue, fluid retention; categorized by EF (HFrEF ≤40%, HFmrEF 41–49%, HFpEF ≥50%)<sup>1</sup>

**ICD-10 Codes:** I50.2x (systolic/HFrEF), I50.3x (diastolic/HFpEF), I50.4x (combined), I50.81x (right HF), I50.84 (end-stage); I11.0 (hypertensive with HF)<sup>2</sup>

**HCC V28 Mapping:** **HCC 226** (Heart Failure, Except End-Stage and Acute) HFrEF I50.2x, HFpEF I50.3x, combined I50.81x, right HF I50.81x with RAF (0.36) ; **HCC 224** (Acute on Chronic Heart Failure) I50.23 (systolic) & I50.33 (diastolic) with RAF (0.36); **HCC 222** (End-Stage HF) I50.84 with RAF (2.505).<sup>3-5</sup>

**Prevalence:** approx 127.9M Americans (48.6%) ≥20 years of age have CVD, including coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, or hypertension. 10-14% adults over 70 have a form of HF. Depending on stage of disease costs \$8,000-\$50,000+ (\$24,383 median) PMPY, 30-day readmission 23.5%, 5-year mortality ~50%<sup>6-8</sup>

## 2. RECOGNITION & DIAGNOSIS

### Medicare Screenings<sup>9-11</sup>

Test	Coverage	Frequency	Code (estimated cost)	Notes
<b>Echo complete</b>	Covered if suspected or established HF	PRN, Annual if HF	CPT 93306 (\$380) <sup>9</sup>	Document EF%, includes 2D, M-mode, spectral & color Doppler
<b>BNP/NT-proBNP</b>	Covered with symptoms	PRN	CPT 83880 (\$45) <sup>10</sup>	Age-adjust cutoffs
<b>ECG 12-lead</b>	Covered for HF evaluation/management	Baseline + PRN	CPT 93000 (\$17) <sup>11</sup>	Check QRS width
<b>6 minute walk</b>	Covered to assess functional capacity/progress to therapy	Baseline + PRN	CPT 94699 (\$40) <sup>11</sup>	Ensure standardized protocol, capillary refill, HR, RR, oxygen

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