

HCC Codes for Social Determinants of Health

As part of the 2021 changes in the Evaluation & Management coding system, the American Medical Association has, for the first time ever, included Social Determinants of Health in the calculus for Medical Decision Making (MDM). If a provider's diagnosis and/or treatment plan is significantly limited or complicated by social factors, then the MDM may be considered of moderate risks of complications, morbidity and/or mortality from a patient management perspective. This needs to be well documented by the provider, including the impact that these factors had on the cognitive work of the provider. There are also ICD-10 codes that indicate the particular social factors.

Code Description	ICD-10 Code
Problems Related to Education & Literacy	
Illiteracy or Low-Level Literacy	Z55.0
Schooling Unavailable and Unattainable	Z55.1
Failed School Examinations	Z55.2
Underachievement in School	Z55.3
Education Maladjustment & Discord with Teachers and Classmates	Z55.4
Other Problems Related to Education & Literacy	Z55.8
Problems Related to Education & Literacy, Unspecified	Z55.9
Problems Related to Employment & Unemployment	
Unemployment, Unspecified	Z56.0
Change of Job	Z56.1
Threat of Job Loss	Z56.2
Stressful Work Schedule	Z56.3
Discord with Boss and Workmates	Z56.4
Uncongenial Work Environment	Z56.5
Other Physical and Mental Strain Related to Work	Z56.6
Sexual Harassment on the Job	Z56.81
Military Deployment Status	Z56.82
Other Problems Related to Employment	Z56.89
Unspecified Problems Related to Employment	Z56.9
Occupations Exposure to Risk Factors	
Occupational Exposure to Noise	Z57.0
Occupational Exposure to Radiation	Z57.1
Occupational Exposure to Dust	Z57.2
Occupational Exposure to Air Contaminants	Z57.3
Occupational Exposure to Toxic Agents in Agriculture	Z57.4
Occupational Exposure to Toxic Agents in Other Industries (solids, liquids, gases, etc.)	Z57.5
Occupational Exposure to Extreme Temperature	Z57.6
Occupational Exposure to Vibration	Z57.7
Occupational Exposure to Other Risk Factors	Z57.8
Occupational Exposures to Unspecified Risk Factor	Z57.9
Problems Related to Housing & Economic Circumstances	
Homelessness	Z59.0
Inadequate House (e.g., lack of heating, unsatisfactory surroundings, or restriction of space)	Z59.1
Discord with Neighbors, Landlord, or Lodgers	Z59.2
Problems Related to Living in Residential Institution	Z59.3
Lack of Adequate Food and Safe Drinking Water	Z59.4
Extreme Poverty	Z59.5
Low Income	Z59.6
Insufficient Social Insurance & Welfare Support	Z59.7
Other Problems Related to Housing (e.g., foreclosure, problems with creditors)	Z59.8
Unspecified Problem Related to Housing an Economic Circumstances	Z59.9
Problems Related to Social & Community Context	
Problems Related to Life Cycle Adjustment (e.g., empty nest)	Z60.0
Problems Related to Living Alone	Z60.2
Acculturation problems	Z60.3
Social Exclusion & Rejection	Z60.4
Unspecified Problems Related to Social Environment	Z60.9

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Child in Welfare Custody	Z62.21
Personal History of Physical & Sexual Abuse in Childhood	Z62.810
Disappearance and Death of Family Member	Z63.4
Other Specified Problems Related to Primary Support Group	Z63.8
Problems Related to Other Psychosocial Circumstances	
Conviction in Criminal or Civil Proceedings (Without Imprisonment)	Z65.0
Imprisonment/Incarceration	Z65.1
Problems Related to Release from Prison	Z65.2
Problems Related to Other Legal Circumstances (Litigation or Child Custody or Support Proceedings)	Z65.3
Victim of Crime and Terrorism	Z65.4
Exposure to Disaster, War, & Other Hostilities	Z65.5
Other Specified Problems Related to Psychological Circumstances	Z65.8
Problem Related to Unspecified Psychosocial Circumstances	Z65.9