

EXAMPLES OF DIAGNOSES FOR POTENTIALLY SERIOUS/HIGH DOLLAR CLAIMS

1. TRANSPLANTS/DIALYSIS

- All Organ Transplants
- Organ rejection
- Renal failure/End stage renal disease
- Dialysis

2. NEONATAL CONDITIONS

- Extreme immaturity/Premature birth
- Hydrocephalus
- Respiratory distress and in ICU over one week
- Meningiomyelocele
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Major or multiple congenital anomaly
- Spina bifida
- Biliary atresia
- Cystic fibrosis

Also watch for high risk pregnancies and obstetrical patients with:

- Expected multiple births
- Previous history of neonatal ICU-confined infant
- Bleeding during pregnancy
- Toxemia (hypertension) requiring hospitalization during pregnancy
- Any request for home uterine monitoring

3. NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

- Brain tumors
- TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack)
- Cerebral aneurysm or AV malformation
- Meningitis or encephalopathy
- Reye's syndrome
- Anoxic encephalopathy
- Anoxic brain damage
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- Quadriplegia
- Paraplegia
- Stroke/CVA
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Lou Gehrig's Disease/ALS
- Muscular dystrophy
- Cerebral palsy

4. TRAUMATIC INJURIES

- Burns or frostbite (child over 10%; adult over 20%)
- Crushing injuries
- Amputations
- Multiple trauma or fractures
- Spinal cord injuries
- Closed head injuries

5. PSYCO-NEUROTIC IMPAIRMENTS

- Any confinement of 7 days or greater

6. BLOOD DISEASES/DISORDERS

- Aplastic anemia
- Coagulation defects
- Immune deficiencies
- Hemophilia

7. MALIGNANCIES

- All malignancies
- Multiple surgeries
- Radiation or chemotherapy treatment
- Hodgkin's disease/non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Leukemia
- Multiple myeloma
- Kaposi's Sarcoma

8. CARDIOVASCULAR CONDITIONS

- Ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm
- Myocardial Infarction (MI - heart attack)
- Cardiac bypass
- Intractable angina
- Peripheral vascular disease with pending amputation
- Congestive heart failure
- Ischemic heart disease
- Primary pulmonary hypertension
- Cardiomyopathy
- Heart failure
- Endocarditis

9. RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS

- Respirator dependency, any cause
- Pulmonary collapse
- Congestive obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Emphysema
- Chronic bronchitis or asthma
- Cystic fibrosis

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- AIDS/HIV
- Hepatitis C
- Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia
- Toxoplasmosis
- Tuberculosis
- Viral encephalitis
- Septicemia
- Crohn's Disease
- Osteomyelitis

11. OTHER DIAGNOSES

- Morbid obesity
- Cirrhosis of liver/Chronic liver disease
- Gaucher's disease
- Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
- Lupus
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Seizures/convulsions
- Requests for transfer to rehab facility
- Hyperalimentation
- Home IV antibiotic therapy