

COVID-19 and Higher Risk Diagnoses

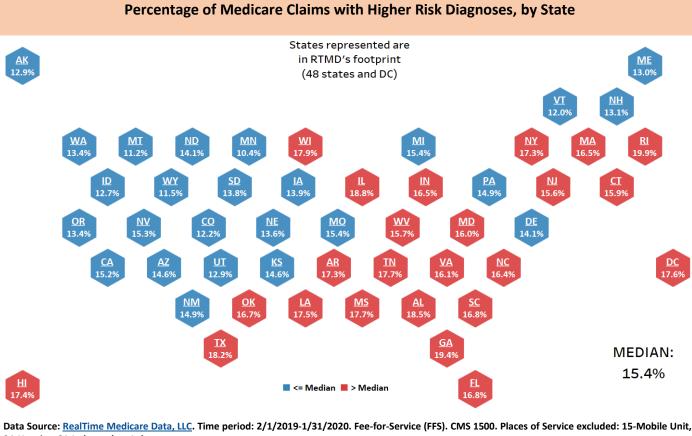
During the current pandemic, the <u>CDC</u> has cautioned that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. To investigate these underlying risk factors further, RTMD's sister company, Medical Management Plus, Inc., compiled a list of 470 higher risk diagnoses based on CDC's published guidance. RTMD used this list to analyze Medicare claims data across our entire footprint (48 states and DC). Among our key findings: hypertension easily ranked #1 in higher risk diagnoses by claim volume. Also, the percentage of Medicare claims with higher risk diagnoses varied considerably among states (10.4%-19.9%) as well as regions. We hope this information can help providers focus their outreach efforts in the communities that they serve. In the area of hypertension prevention and management, the CDC, along with other organizations, has a variety of educational materials available for healthcare professionals and patients.

Top 5 Higher Risk Diagnoses

(by claim volume, across RTMD's footprint)

I10-Essential (primary) hypertension	33.4M
E119-Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications	12.5M
I2510-Atherosclerotic heart disease of native coronary artery without angina pectoris	9.8M
N186-End stage renal disease	8.1M
C61-Malignant neoplasm of prostate	5.7M
Source: RealTime Medicare Data For data	

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34-Hospice, 81-Independent Lab.

FACTS ABOUT HYPERTENSION

- Nearly half of U.S. adults have HTN
- Only about 1 in 4 adults with HTN have their condition under control
- In 2017 nearly half a million deaths in the U.S. included HTN as a primary/contributing cause
- HTN costs the U.S. about \$131 billion each year

Source: CDC



- ♦ Medicare claims data ◆ 90 days post date of service ◆ Inpatient, Outpatient, Part B

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How are higher risk diagnoses impacting the Medicare Market you serve?

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