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Patient Name:

Account #:

Discharge Date:

**PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION QUERY**

Addendum to the Discharge Summary

**CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE**

Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ :

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation clarification is required to meet compliance, accuracy in coding and severity of illness reflection. Please respond to the query below on the progress notes or on this form as an addendum.

There is documentation of the term(s) "Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)", prompting our request for clarification. Please document if you mean:

- ACUTE or CHRONIC CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, THEN SPECIFY TYPE (mandatory) as
- SYSTOLIC or DIASTOLIC HEARTH FAILURE
- OR
- COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEARTY FAILURE

**Do not circle response.**

**Write response below.**

Conditions documented as **POSSIBLE, PROBABLE, SUSPECTED, or RULE OUT**, are acceptable

Systolic congestive heart failure occurs when the ability of the heart to contract is limited. The heart is unable to pump out an adequate blood supply during contraction, (systole). Blood coming from the lungs into the heart may back up and cause fluid leakage back into the lungs with ensuing pulmonary congestion. Systolic CHF is the most common type of CHF. In this condition ejection fraction is less than 40%.

Diastolic congestive heart failure is the inability of the heart to pump blood at an adequate rate to fill tissue metabolic requirements or the ability to do so only at an elevated filling pressure. It occurs because the heart has trouble relaxing adequately between contractions, (diastole), to allow enough blood flow

Please document the appropriate diagnosis on the progress notes or on this form as an addendum. (Sign and date all documentation)

FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
(specific diagnosis/condition)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you have any questions, please contact one of our coding staff in the Health Information Management Department at extension \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*This form is a permanent part of the medical record\*\*\*\*\*

Medicare's new DRG system, MS-DRG, is based on MEDICAL SEVERITY-- determined by

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Co-morbid Complications (CCs), most DRGs will have 3 Levels

**Example: A PATIENT WITH SIMPLE PNEUMONIA**

428.0 CHF (unspecified) no longer a CC .....	pays \$4199
428.22 Chronic systolic heart failure is a CC.....	pays \$5118
428.23 Chronic diastolic heart failure is a CC.....	pays \$5118
428.21 Acute systolic heart failure is a major CC.....	pays \$6253
428.31 Acute diastolic heart failure is a major CC.....	pays \$6253