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Patient Name:

Account #:

Discharge Date:

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION QUERY
Addendum to the Discharge Summary or Progress Notes

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE CLARIFICATION

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:

Please check any that apply and document any further information below, if needed

- EXACERBATION OR DECOMPENSATION OF CHRONIC CHF – MUST SPECIFY AS SYSTOLIC OR DIASTOLIC OR COMBINED**
- ACUTE CHF – MUST SPECIFY AS SYSTOLIC OR DIASTOLIC OR COMBINED**
- CHRONIC CHF – MUST SPECIFY AS SYSTOLIC OR DIASTOLIC OR BOTH**
- STABLE OR COMPENSATED CHF – MUST SPECIFY AS SYSTOLIC OR DIASTOLIC OR BOTH**

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 to the ventricles.

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

(specific diagnosis/condition)

Physician Signature

Date

If you have any questions, please contact _____ in the Health Information Management Department at extension _____. Thank you.

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

Medicare's newest 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 CCpays \$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 s a major CC..... pays \$6253