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## **DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:**

Proper documentation is vital to coding correctly and to the highest specificity. If it isn't documented it didn't happen. During an audit the auditor will only look at the documentation for the date of service on the claim and if there are discrepancies between diagnoses on the claim and what is documented in the medical record that will be counted as an error. Diagnosis coding is the wave of the future and will determine the HCC score of each individual patient and in turn affect payment. This is why the annual assessment is so important, it is the most efficient way to make sure that all diagnoses are captured and that they are properly documented as well.