

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION
CALIFORNIA INPATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL, EIGHTH EDITION**

DATE OF BIRTH

Section 97216

(a) For discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2017:

(1) For online transmission of data reports as electronic data files, the patient's date of birth shall be reported in numeric form as follows: the 4-digit year, the 2-digit month, and the 2-digit day. The numeric form for days and months from 1 to 9 must have a zero as the first digit.

(2) For online entry of individual records, the patient's date of birth shall be reported in numeric form as follows: the 2-digit month, the 2-digit day, and the 4-digit year. The numeric form for days and months from 1 to 9 must have a zero as the first digit.

(3) When the complete date of birth is unknown, as much of the date as is known shall be reported. At a minimum, an approximate year of birth shall be reported. If only the age is known, the estimated year of birth shall be reported and the month and day can be reported as 01 for month and 01 for day.

Reporting Requirements:

Partial Dates of Birth:

Please provide as much data as is available.

If the patient's month and day of birth are unknown but the year of birth is known, the month will be 01, the day will be 01, and the given year.

Example: The patient was born in 1948. Report the date of birth as 19480101.

If the patient's month, day, and year of birth are unknown, and the patient's age is known, the patient's age at the time of admission will be subtracted from the year of admission to determine the year of birth.

Example: The patient is known to be 65 years old and the year of admission is 2009 ($2009 - 65 = 1944$). The date of birth will be 19440101.

If the patient's day of birth is unknown, and the month and year are known, the day will be 01.

Example: The patient was born in November 1952. The date of birth will be 19521101.