

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

SEX

Section 97217

For discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2017, the patient's sex shall be reported as recorded at admission as male, female or unknown. Unknown indicates that the patient's sex was undetermined.

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission:

<p>SEX F Female M Male U Unknown</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>

- The purpose of the “Sex” data element is to collect the patient’s biologic sex. Gender and gender identification are separate concepts and should not be considered in the reporting of “Sex.”
- In general, whenever a diagnosis or procedure is sex specific, the reported sex needs to be consistent with the reported diagnosis code.
- “Unknown” may be used in the case of undetermined sex and congenital abnormalities that obscure sex identification.