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Quick Notes

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IP Inpatient Discharges   **ED** Emergency Department   **AS** Ambulatory Surgery

ICD-10
Reporting External Causes FAQ's

Q1. Should facilities report Y92.9 as the place of occurrence in cases when the place of occurrence is not specified?

A. No. Coding Guidelines state "Do not use place of occurrence code Y92.9 if the place is not stated or is not applicable." Therefore Y92.9 should not be reported. The same applies to Activity and Status codes Y93.9 and Y99.9 per coding guidelines.

Q2. When should we use Y92.9, Y93.9, and Y99.9?

A. OSHPD cannot speculate on when these codes are to be used.
Questions may be submitted to Coding Clinic if you wish additional clarification.

Q3. Should we report Y92.89, *Other specified places*, instead of Y92.9?

A. Reporting Y92.89 is only permissible if the place of occurrence is stated but does not fit in one of the other categories.

Q4. Are activity or status codes required by OSHPD?

A. These codes should be reported if the codes are necessary to describe the mechanisms that contributed to, or the causal events surrounding, the injury or health condition.
Activity and status codes are only reported on the first incident of treatment.

Q5. Will OSHPD be editing for potentially missing Y92.xx, Y93.xxxx, or Y99.xx since we shouldn't code Y92.9, Y93.9, or Y99.9?

A. Currently there are no critical edit flags for these codes. MIRCal will continue to have a warning flag for a high number of unspecified Place of Occurrence codes. OSHPD may potentially revisit the issue in the future once ICD-10 Coding Edits have been written.

In any instance, it is not appropriate to report external causes in a way that conflicts with Coding Guidelines in order to avoid a MIRCal edit. If you have additional question regarding reporting external causes for MIRCal reporting, please consult the Reporting Manuals or talk to your MIRCal analyst.

Regulatory Update

The Patient Data Section submitted a nonsubstantive Section 100 regulatory package to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) to update the Expected Source of Payment data element. OAL approved the Section 100 package on March 17, 2016.

This regulatory update adds three newly licensed health plans, changes two existing health plan names to newer licensed names, and removes one health plan that is no longer licensed. Facilities may report these codes to OSHPD when submitting Inpatient Data.

The three newly licensed health plans are as follows:

- 0515 Dignity Health Provider Resources, Inc.
- 0516 Oscar Health Plan of California
- 0517 UnitedHealthcare Benefits Plan of California

Two health plans with name changes were Honored Citizens Choice Health Plan, Inc. which was renamed as Alignment Health Plan, and University Healthcare Advantage which was renamed as Stanford Health Care Advantage.

MD Care, Inc. is no longer a licensed health plan so it was removed from the list.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your MIRCal analyst.

New Edit Guide

The latest edition of the ED & AS Edit Flag Description Guide is available on our website. Included are two new flags, C054 (ED) and C055 (AS), as well an update to the C016 flag.

MIRCal's Computer Based Training New and Improved!

The modules of the MIRCal Computer Based Training (CBT) have been revamped. The CBT now reflects the enhancements made to MIRCal over the past decade, as well as automating its Certificate of Completion process.

It is always recommended that those staff utilizing the MIRCal system complete this step-by-step on-line training course, which can be taken at your own pace, stopping and resuming as necessary. Remember that the CBT is a tool that can be accessed anytime as a resource to aid in questions about submission and data editing. In conjunction, the 2-page MIRCal Quick Reference Guide found within the CBT and under the All Data Types heading on our Manuals and Guides webpage can be another user friendly training resource.

We hope you find the modernization of our CBT appealing!

Website: A New Look

Our webpages were recently redesigned in February to the new California State Responsive Template, which now provides an improved contemporary mobile experience for users.

Our constant vision is that OSHPD's website be service oriented, user friendly, and adhere to accessibility functionality. We hope that you find the wealth of resources available on our webpages helpful for your needs, whether you are utilizing a PC, tablet, or phone.