



SPECIAL EDITION

**2017 Inpatient Data Element Changes
Are You Ready?**

January 1, 2017, will be an important date for MIRCal reporting. As noted in issues #41, #42, and #44, inpatient data requirements will change for several data elements beginning with the January 1 – June 30, 2017, data report period. These changes were approved in regulation in October 2015 and were made in an effort to more closely align MIRCal reporting with the 837 Health Care Service Data Reporting Guide. The new requirements only affect inpatient reporting. If you would like to review the text of the changes, you may view them [here](#). This issue of Quick Notes will focus on these changes. In each table below, you will see the new values to be reported in 2017 on the right.

In order to align the date format with Emergency Department (ED) and Ambulatory Surgery (AS) reporting, alterations were made to all date-related inpatient data elements for file transmissions. This changes how dates will be reported for Date of Birth, Admission Date, Discharge Date, and the dates reported with Principal and Other Procedures when submitting a file to MIRCal.

Date Format for Online File Transmissions

Format through December 31, 2016	Format beginning January 1, 2017
MMDDCCYY 12312016	CCYYMMDD 20170101

The data element of Sex was also aligned with ED and AS data values. The option of “Other” was removed, and the values to be reported changed from numerical to alphabetic.

Sex

Categories through December 31, 2016	Categories beginning January 1, 2017
1 Male	M Male
2 Female	F Female
3 Other	U Unknown
4 Unknown	

More significant changes were made to the Source of Admission and Type of Admission data elements. One significant change is that Source of Admission will no longer be a three-digit code. Source of Admission will consist of the “Point of Origin” and “Route.” “Licensure of Site” will no longer be collected in 2017 because the new Point of Origin categories will already reflect this information. Definitions for these data elements are included in the UB-04 Data Specification Manual.

Source of Admission will still occupy spaces 32, 33, and 34 on the file format; however 33 will be reported as a space with no data. You can view this and all other changes in the [Format and File Specifications for Inpatient Data](#).

2017 Data Elements cont.

Source of Admission – Point of Origin

Categories through December 31, 2016 (Licensure of Site)	Categories beginning January 1, 2017 (Point of Origin)
1 Home	1 Non-Health Care Facility
2 Residential Care	2 Clinic or Physicians' Office
3 Ambulatory Surgery	4 Hospital (Different Facility)
4 SN/IC	5 SNF, ICF, ALF
5 Acute Inpatient Hospital Care	6 Another Health Care Facility
6 Other Inpatient Hospital Care	8 Court/Law Enforcement
7 Newborn	9 Information not Available
8 Prison/Jail	D One Distinct Unit to Another—Same Hospital
9 Other	E Ambulatory Surgery Center
	F Hospice Facility
	Newborn Codes (must report with Type of Admission 4 - Newborn)
	5 Born Inside this Hospital
	6 Born Outside of this Hospital

Source of Admission - Route

Categories through December 31, 2016	Categories beginning January 1, 2017
1 Your ER	1 Your ED
2 Not Your ER	2 Another ED
	3 Not admitted from ED

The final change for 2017 will be to Type of Admission which has expanded from four categories to six.

Type of Admission

Categories through December 31, 2016	Categories beginning January 1, 2017
1 Scheduled	1 Emergency
2 Unscheduled	2 Urgent
3 Infant under 24 hours	3 Elective
4 Unknown	4 Newborn
	5 Trauma
	9 Information Not Available

Additional information regarding the new Source of Admission and Type of Admission categories can be found in the [Inpatient Reporting Manual](#). Unfortunately, many of the old codes cannot be cross-walked to the new 2017 codes as the definitions do not match exactly. Please review the definition changes carefully.

**Future MIRCAl Data
Take Part in the Discussion**

The Patient Data Section will be conducting a survey to collect opinions related to possible future changes to the MIRCAl reporting requirements. The survey will open November 9th and close November 18th. We ask that the MIRCAl Primary Contact or one designated representative for each facility or hospital system submit the survey.

Emails with the survey link will be sent to all Primary Contacts in November, so please confirm that your contact information in MIRCAl is accurate. If you have any questions, please contact your MIRCAl analyst.