Quick Notes

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

Correct Reporting of Skilled Nursing Procedures
Why your SN/IC records need a closer look

MIRCal analysts frequently receive questions from facilities regarding why their SN/IC (Type of Care 3) data is receiving an edit for not having procedures when they are not typically performed on patients in a skilled nursing bed. In order to answer this question, it is important to note that the type of record a procedure is reported on is closely tied to whether a discharge took place.

> A reportable discharge for OSHPD reporting purposes only takes place if a patient:
> 1) is formally released from the hospital
> 2) is transferred to another Type of Care **as defined by OSHPD**
> 3) leaves against medical advice, or
> 4) dies.

Frequently, SN/IC patients are sent to outpatient settings within the facility for procedures. If a SN/IC patient is not discharged to another OSHPD defined type of care within your facility and is sent to any part of the hospital for a procedure that meets OSHPD's definition of a reportable procedure, that procedure must be reported to OSHPD on the SN/IC record. This includes procedures that would not be billed under the SN/IC portion of the patient's stay.

For example, your facility reports a SN/IC patient admitted on 1/3/19 and discharged 2/14/19. On 1/8/19 the patient has complications and is taken to an ambulatory surgery or outpatient room at your facility to have a tracheotomy performed and then returns to SN/IC. The tracheotomy procedure would be reported to OSHPD on the SN/IC record because the patient was not discharged, and the procedure took place during the time of the patient's SN/IC stay.

OSHPD understands that such procedures may be billed separately. However, facilities are required to report such procedures on the SN/IC record to allow data users to see the continuum of care during each inpatient stay.

Along with more significant procedures that are performed in an outpatient setting, there are many instances of reportable procedures that are often performed in a SN/IC setting. A few examples are: debridement (excision or extraction), intubation, and conversion of cardiac rhythms. It is especially important to review SN/IC records of long-term patients for applicable procedures for correct and complete reporting.

Currently, a significant number of facilities appear to be underreporting procedures on their SN/IC records. In the future, MIRCal analysts will be contacting facilities as part of their annual data reviews to confirm correct reporting for SN/IC patients. Please take the time to review your reporting practices and assist your analyst in ensuring the data is accurate. For more information on what qualifies as a reportable procedure, you can refer to the [procedure](#) section of the Reporting Manual for the definition and a detailed description.

New! MIRCal Video Training

The Patient Data Section has launched a new series of YouTube videos to train users on how to submit patient data using the MIRCal interface.

There are a total of eight videos. Which videos you should view are dependent on your role as a data submitter. All users should begin with Video 1.

Video 1: MIRCal Basics for All Users
Video 2: Submitting a File
Video 3: Entering & Submitting Manual Records
Video 4: Edit Programs - Overview
Video 5: Making Data Corrections
Video 6: Reviewing the Data Distribution Report
Video 7: User Account Administrators
Video 8: Designated Agents

You can view the videos at OSHPD's YouTube channel, and we encourage you to become a subscriber. You can also link to them from the Patient Data Section Training page.
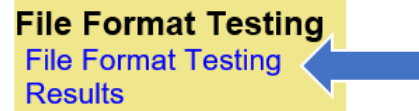

CHIA 2019
We Hope to See You

OSHPD will be one of the presenters at the 2019 California Health Information Association (CHIA) conference June 8 – 12. We hope you will have the chance to attend and hear us speak on June 11th regarding OSHPD's Cost Transparency Rx Program, the Health Care Cost Transparency database, and new innovative data products and visualizations. OSHPD's Outreach and Engagement team will have a booth in the exhibiter's hall, and MIRCal analysts will be on hand to answer any data submission questions.

Don't hesitate to stop us in the hallways. We love to talk to our data providers!

2019 Data Requirements in Effect
Submit in July to maximize correction time!

July will be the start of the first Inpatient submission in the new 2019 IP file format when January-June 2019 data is submitted. OSHPD recommends testing your file format and submitting your data file as early as possible. Transmittal errors are very common when there is a file format change so allow ample time to resolve transmittal issues.

The File Format Testing feature is available in MIRCal to check data files for the correct format. This feature does not run the data through any of the other edit programs. The link is found towards the bottom of the MIRCal Main Menu.

File Format Testing
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Please see the following for more information regarding the changes:
- Quick Notes 49, 50, and 52
- Reporting Manuals
- Regulations
- Format and File Specifications for IP and ED/AS

2019 Data Reporting Manuals

Updated versions of both Data Reporting Manuals are available as the result of a non-substantive Section 100 regulation package which was approved on May 2, 2019. This package removed obsolete regulatory text, aligned the ZIP Code definition between data types, and added two new Knox-Keene payer plan codes.

Please check regularly for new editions of the Inpatient Data Reporting Manual and the ED & AS Data Reporting Manual on our website.
It is easy to confirm that you are referencing the most recent version by the date noted in the manual link.