

Quick Notes

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First SIERA Report Submissions are Days Away!

OSHPD is eagerly anticipating the first ED/AS report submissions in SIERA. SIERA will open for ED and AS January through March 2021 file submissions at the beginning of April.

New SIERA features

The Facility Administrator (FA) will no longer be required to have a user account. If the FA wishes to have access to reports and data submissions, the User Account Administrator can create a user account. FAs have the ability to opt-out of routine report status emails. However, FAs will continue to receive designated program essential communications.

For your convenience, your Home page displays the assigned OSHPD analyst for each facility.

Quick reminders

The chart below displays which report periods you will submit in each system. Inpatient July through December 2020 will still be submitted in MIRCal.

All IP 2020 data	
All ED/AS 2020 data	
Submit in MIRCal	Submit in SIERA
	ED/AS Q1 2021
	IP Jan-June 2021

You can find the link to the SIERA log in page posted on our [Submit Patient-Level Administrative Data](#) home page.

Email from the Patient Data Section will now come from our new SIERA email address PatientLevel@oshpd.ca.gov. Please ensure your email filters have this address marked "safe."

New 2021 Edits

Below are new edit flags that will apply to 2021 data submissions:

Abstract Record Number = SSN (IP/ED/AS)

If an Abstract Record Number matches the Social Security Number, data will either fail transmittal or receive the S146 flag:

- Manually entered records will display Standard Edit Flag S146
- File submissions will fail Transmittal Validation

Trend Warnings (TW) (ED/AS)

The following Trend warnings have been added for Race and Total Charges:

Race

- TW18 Race decreased more than 20%
- TW19 Race increased more than 20%
- TW20 Total number of records with multiple races reported decreased more than 20%
- TW21 Total number of records with multiple races reported increased more than 20%
- TW22 Ethnicity decreased more than 20%
- TW23 Ethnicity increased more than 20%
- TW24 Ethnicity-Race decreased more than 20%
- TW25 Ethnicity-Race increased more than 20%

Total Charges

- TW16 Average Total Charges decreased more than 20%
- TW17 Average Total Charges increased more than 20%

Although Warning (non-Critical) Trend flags are not applied towards the Error Tolerance Level, facilities should always review TW flags for potential errors in reporting.

SIERA Terminology

In SIERA, data submissions and edit programs will function in a very similar way to MIRCal. However, some of the terminology you are used to seeing in MIRCal may be a little different in SIERA. Below is a reference chart detailing some of the basic differences.

MIRCal	SIERA: Patient-Level Data
OSHPD ID is 6 digits	OSHPD ID displays nine digits, starting with "106" or "306" (No File & Format Specifications changes; this is only a display difference)
Data type	Report type
Facility Users:	
Assigned Facility	Associated Facility (Multiple-Facility Associations possible for a user)
Active User	Associated User
Inactive User	Disassociated User (Not associated with a facility)
Submissions:	
Test Submission (radio button)	Upload and Validate button
Submit Corrections	Validate
Formal Submission (radio button)	Submit Report and Certify checkbox
Types of Errors:	
Blank/Invalid Principal Diagnosis Blank/Invalid Principal Procedure (AS)	Fatal Error (must be corrected to be approved)
Critical Flags	Critical Flags
Warning Flags	Warning Flags
Report Status Message:	
Data Rejected	Validation failed: Pending (before due date or extended due date) Delinquent (after due date)
Below ETL	Validation Passed
Data has been Approved	Approved
No Data to Report	Approved NDR

If you have any questions, please review the training material listed in the *SIERA Training Corner* to the right or contact your assigned analyst.

Point of Origin – "G"

The National Uniform Billing Committee released [guidance](#) that a new Point of Origin Code is being added, Point of Origin Code G --Transfer from a Designated Disaster Alternate Care Site. Code G may be used for discharges on or after July 1, 2020.

Use of the new code, "G" is encouraged when appropriate for discharges on and after July 1, 2020. OSHPD has added this code to the patient data reporting system and resources while work is done to formally adopt the use of this code via the rulemaking process. Additionally, Code G has been added to the [Source of Admission](#) section of the Inpatient Data Reporting Manual, and OSHPD has published an [FAQ](#) on the Patient Level Administrative Data page. The FAQ contains valuable information, including the definition of a Designated Disaster Alternate Care Site.

SIERA Training Corner

- [Video 1](#) – The Future of Patient Data Reporting
- [Video 2](#) – Logging in & Adding Users
- [Video 3](#) – Dashboard & Submitting Data
- [Video 4](#) – Summary Reports/Errors/Custom Reports

Quick Guides

Short "How To" guides covering the basics.

- [Log in to SIERA](#)
- [Request an Extension](#)
- [File a No Data to Report](#)
- [Certify and Submit Your Data](#)

User Account Administrator:

- 1: [Add a New User](#)
- 2: [Associate User to Multiple Facilities](#)
- 3: [Change Assigned Contacts](#)
- 4: [Disassociate a User](#)

You will find links to all training resources on our [Training](#) page.