

Quick Notes

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IP Inpatient Discharges

ED Emergency Department

AS Ambulatory Surgery

Regulations Approved **NEW! 2023 Report Requirements**

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) is pleased to announce that the Patient Data Section's regulatory proposal was accepted and approved by the Office of Administrative Law on July 18, 2022. The new regulations require full patient address reporting, including a housing status indicator, in addition to the currently required ZIP Code. Several other data elements were updated to align them more closely with national standards.

Important! Please forward this edition of Quick Notes to your IT coordinator, patient access management, and all other applicable departments of your organization today! It is crucial for all affected departments to be involved as soon as possible to ensure that 2023 data is correctly reported to meet the new requirements.

These changes are in effect for Inpatient (IP) discharges and Emergency Department (ED) and Ambulatory Surgery (AS) encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2023. The first reporting period submitted with the new requirements will be ED/AS first quarter of 2023. The data are due May 15, 2023, followed by the first semi-annual IP report which is due September 30, 2023.

What will be changing?

For All Data Types:

- **Patient Address** – Enhanced current ZIP Code data element to include collection of full Patient Address, including the following components: Address number and street name, City, State, ZIP Code, Country Code (for non-U.S. residents) and a housing status indicator for patients experiencing homelessness.
- **Other Diagnoses** – Expanded definition of Other Diagnoses to include ICD-10-CM codes from Social Determinants of Health (Z55-Z65).
- **Patient Disposition** – Minor wording changes to existing disposition codes.
- **Format and File Specifications** – The length of each file remains unchanged for all data types. Patient Address will be reported in a previously unused portion of the file. Please review all Format and File Specifications for these changes.

For IP Reporting:

- **Source of Admission** – New Route of Admission 'G' Transfer from a Designated Disaster Alternate Care Site.

Refer to the [Laws and Regulations](#) page on our website for the full regulatory package. Please visit the [Inpatient Discharge Reporting](#) page and the [Emergency Department & Ambulatory Surgery Encounter Reporting](#) page for links to the 2023 Format and File Specifications as well as updated reporting manuals. Look for the next edition of Quick Notes which will go over frequently asked questions.

NEW! Newborn and Delivery Edits

A recent review of Inpatient data revealed that in some cases there were inconsistencies between the number of newborns reported at a facility when compared to the number of deliveries.

New Inpatient edit flags have been implemented that compare the number of newborns born inside your facility with the number of deliveries. This is effective with the submission of your January – June 2022 Inpatient data.

C057

The data will receive this flag if the percent of newborns born at your facility is 4% less than the percent of liveborn deliveries. Excludes newborns born outside the hospital.

C058

The data will receive this flag if the percent of liveborn delivery records is 4% less than the percent of newborn records. Excludes newborns born outside the hospital.

DDR Display

The Data Distribution Report (DDR) has been updated to show a new section that reflects the number of Newborns and Deliveries which are used to calculate the C057 and C058 edits. The counts only include babies born inside of the hospital and deliveries with at least one liveborn infant.

For more information and for the list of diagnosis codes included as part of the edits, please see the [Inpatient Edit Flag Description Guide](#).

If you receive one of these edits and need assistance with validating your data submission after reviewing the edit parameters, please contact your assigned analyst.

Your Data at Work!

HCAI frequently uses the patient level data you submit to publish public visualizations. One recent release highlighted the demographic differences of [California residents experiencing homelessness](#) using data from the ED and IP settings. Three helpful ways to filter the data are by county, facility name, or medical system.

Most recently, a visualization was published highlighting the variety of [Preferred Languages Spoken](#) by patients in California. This visualization displays not only general summaries, but also allows a variety of interactive filtering options, including the specific preferred languages reported by each facility and in which setting.

You can find these and many other data visualizations on our [Featured Releases](#) page. We encourage you to share this link with others at your facility who might have interest in these tools.

Thank you for being HCAI's data partner in providing important health information to all Californians.

Manual and Edit Guide Updates

Our Reporting Manuals and Inpatient Edit Flag Description Guide have been updated to reflect the new Inpatient edits as well as the new regulatory language as discussed on page 1.

Please visit the [Inpatient Discharge Reporting](#) page and the [Emergency Department & Ambulatory Surgery Encounter Reporting](#) page for a list of these and other important resources.