

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION
CALIFORNIA INPATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL, EIGHTH EDITION

PATIENT ADDRESS

Section 97219

(a) Effective with discharges on or after January 1, 2019, up to and including December 31, 2022, the “ZIP Code,” a unique code assigned to a specific geographic area by the U.S. Postal Service, for the patient’s usual residence shall be reported for each patient discharge. If the patient has a 9-digit ZIP Code, only the first five digits shall be reported. Do not report the ZIP Code of the hospital, third party payer, or billing address if it is different from the usual residence of the patient.

(1) If the City of Residence is known, but not the street address, report the first three digits of the ZIP Code, and the last two digits as zeros.

(2) Unknown ZIP Codes shall be reported as “XXXXX.”

(3) ZIP Codes for persons who do not reside in the U.S. shall be reported as “YYYYY.”

(4) ZIP Codes for persons who are “homeless” (patients who at admission lack a residence) shall be reported as “ZZZZZ.”

ZIP CODE				

XXXXX=Unknown ZZZZZ=Homeless
YYYYY=Persons who do not reside in the U.S.

DISCUSSION

Reporting Requirements:

- Report visitors from a foreign country as YYYYYY.
- Report an unknown residence as XXXXX.
- Report homeless persons as ZZZZZ.
- Do not report the ZIP Code of the hospital, third party payer, or billing address if it is different from the usual residence of the patient.
- ZIP Codes may be verified by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).
- The web address for the United States Postal Service is www.USPS.com

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(b) Effective with discharges on or after January 1, 2023, the patient's address shall be reported. The address shall include the address number and street name, city, state, and ZIP Code. Do not report the address of the hospital. If more than one address is available for the patient, report the address of the patient's usual residence. If exact address is unknown or the patient is experiencing homelessness, provide as much information as possible.

(1) The address number and street name shall be reported.

(A) If the address number and/or street name are unknown, leave blank.

(B) If the address is not part of the United States, leave blank.

(2) The city shall be reported.

(A) If the city is unknown, leave blank.

(B) If the city is not part of the United States, leave blank.

(3) The state shall be reported using a standard two letter abbreviation.

(A) If the state is unknown, leave blank.

(B) If the state is not part of the United States, leave blank.

(4) The ZIP Code shall be reported using the unique code assigned to a specific geographic area by the United States Postal Service.

(A) If the patient has a 9-digit ZIP Code, only the first five digits shall be reported.

(B) Unknown ZIP Codes shall be reported as "XXXXX."

(C) ZIP Codes for persons who do not reside in the U.S. shall be reported as "YYYYY."

(5) For patients with a non-US residence, report the country.

DISCUSSION

Use an ISO 3166 alpha-2, two-digit country code from the list available at <https://www.iso.org/iso-3166-country-codes.html>. Some common country codes are listed in the table below:

Country:	Code:	Country:	Code:
Australia	AU	Germany	DE
Canada	CA	Mexico	MX
China	CN	Philippines (the)	PH
France	FR	United Kingdom	GB

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(6) Indicate whether a patient was experiencing homelessness at the time of admission. This may include chronic, episodic, or transitional homelessness, or in temporary shelter:

(A) Include "Y" for patients experiencing homelessness.

(B) Include "N" for patients not experiencing homelessness.

(C) "U" for Unknown.