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Statement of Explanation for Section 100 Filing

Pursuant to Section 100 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is making "Changes without regulatory effect" to two subsections of Section 97232 of Article 8: Patient Data Reporting Requirements, of Chapter 10, of Division 7, of Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations.

Health and Safety Code Section 128735 requires that California hospitals file a Hospital Discharge Abstract Data Record with OSHPD for each patient discharged. The statute enumerates the data elements that must be included in each record. The patient-level data reporting is accomplished by means of an online reporting system called MIRCal (Medical Information Reporting for California).

The Expected Source of Payment (ESOP) data element, Section 97232, consists of three parts: Payer Category, Type of Coverage and, if type of coverage is reported as "Managed Care - Knox-Keene/ Medi-Cal County Organized Health System," the Plan Code Number identifying the plan must also be reported.

The "expected source of payment" is the entity or organization which is expected to pay or did pay the greatest share of the patient's bill. We are moving this defining phrase from subsection (1) to the introductory sentence for clarity. Because of the three part structure of the data element, including this definitional language in (1) automatically applied it to (2) and (3) also. However the new placement of the phrase improves clarity, simplicity and precision in the definition. Moving the phrase does not change the meaning of the section and is not a substantive change.

For plan code reporting, OSHPD obtains the names and plan code numbers of licensed plans from the Department of Managed Health Care, the licensing entity. The number of plans licensed to operate in California is subject to change. This regulatory update adds six new licensed plans to the existing list of plans.

The plan code changes are without regulatory effect because the requirement to report ESOP is unchanged: the list of licensed plans is being updated to remain current.

The changes impose no new regulatory burdens and do not materially alter any of the requirements or responsibilities imposed on reporting organizations by these regulations.