

APPROVAL CRITERIA AND ERROR TOLERANCE LEVEL

NOTE: The regulations are identified by bold and italics.

The section number located at the top right corner of the first page of each regulation refers to the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 7, Chapter 10, Article 8.

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APPROVAL CRITERIA

Section 97247

(a) *The following requirements must be met for a report to be approved by the Office:*

(1) *Complete transmittal information must be submitted with each report.*

(2) *The facility identification number stated in the transmittal information must be consistent with the facility identification number on each of the records in the report.*

(3) *The report period stated in the transmittal information must be consistent with all of the records in the report.*

(4) *The number of records stated in the transmittal information must be consistent with the number of records contained in the report.*

(5) *All records required to be reported pursuant to 97213(a) must be reported.*

(6) *The data must be reported in compliance with the format specifications in Section 97215.*

(7) *For report periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015, all records must contain a valid Principal Diagnosis.*

(8) *The data must be at, or below, the Error Tolerance Level specified in Section 97248.*

(9) *The data must be consistent with the reporting facility's anticipated trends and comparisons, except as in (A) below:*

(A) *If data are correctly reported and yet fail to meet approval criteria due to inconsistency with facility's anticipated trends and comparisons, the reporting facility may submit to the Office in writing a detailed explanation of why the data are correct as reported. The Office may determine, upon review of a written explanation, that it will approve a report.*

(10) *Each report must contain only one type of record as specified in Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of Subsection (a) of Section 97213.*

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(b) The Office shall approve or reject each report within 15 days of receiving it. The report shall be considered not filed as of the date that the facility is notified that the report is rejected. Notification of approval or rejection of any report submitted online shall not take more than 15 days unless there is a documented MIRCal system failure.

DISCUSSION

A discharge data report may not be approved due to any of the following circumstances:

- Data did not pass the License edit program; Type of Care or Services shown on license has not been reported.
- Data did not pass Transmittal edit program; refer to Transmittal Errors FAQs, which may be found on the MIRCal informational website under the Resources link.
- The percentage of errors within the data is not below the established Error Tolerance Level (**ETL**).

For a detailed listing of the edits, view the individual edit programs on the "Error Reports" page located on MIRCal's main menu. Review both the Summary and Detail reports of each program.

A complete description of each MIRCal edit for hospital inpatient data can be found in the "MIRCal Edit Description Guide" for inpatient data and is accessible on MIRCal's website on the Resources page. <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal>

If any of the above conditions are present, the discharge data report may not be approved and the reporting facility may be notified that its report is delinquent. The reporting facility will accrue \$100 per day in penalties until the conditions for approval are met or an extension request is received and/or granted.

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ERROR TOLERANCE LEVEL

Section 97248

(a) The Error Tolerance Level (ETL) for data reported to the Office shall be no more than 2%. Errors as defined in Subsection (j) of Section 97212, must be corrected to the ETL.

DISCUSSION

Records that are in error but are below the 2% ETL will be accepted and the defaults in **(b)** will apply.

(b)(1) For discharges occurring on and after January 1, 2015: For hospital discharge abstract data reports that do not exceed the Error Tolerance Level specified in Subsection (a) of this Section, defaults will be as shown in Table 1B.

Table 1A: Hospital Discharge Abstract Data Record Defaults	
Invalid Data Element	Default
Admission date	delete record
All other data elements	blank or zero

(c) Not Applicable to Inpatient. See Appendix E for complete text of Regulations.

(d) Not Applicable to Inpatient. See Appendix E for complete text of Regulations.