

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND
AMBULATORY SURGERY DATA REPORTING MANUAL,
MEDICAL INFORMATION REPORTING FOR CALIFORNIA, FOURTH EDITION**

SERVICE DATE

Section 97257

(a) For online transmission of data reports as electronic data files, the patient's service date shall be reported in numeric form as follows: 4-digit year, 2-digit month, and 2-digit day. The numeric form for days and months from 1 to 9 must have a zero as the first digit.

(b) For online entry of individual records, the patient's service date shall be reported in numeric form as follows: the 2-digit month, the 2-digit day, and the 4-digit year. The numeric form for days and months from 1 to 9 must have a zero as the first digit.

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element for online data file transmission file for encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2006:

SERVICE DATE							
<i>Year (4-digit)</i>				<i>Month</i>		<i>Day</i>	

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records for encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2006:

SERVICE DATE							
<i>Month</i>		<i>Day</i>		<i>Year (4-digit)</i>			

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Critical Data Element: If the reported service date is blank or invalid (such as February 31) and is not corrected by the facility after it is identified by OSHPD as an error, **the entire encounter data record will be deleted.**

Reporting Requirements:

- The actual date of service must be reported.
- The Service Date is the start of care date, also known as “From Date” or “Begin Date”.
- If the patient received service on May 3, 2004, the reported value would be:

Electronic Data File	Record Entry Form
20040503	05032004

For all observation services provided to an outpatient who was diagnosed and treated for emergency care and/or ambulatory surgery, the service date is the start of care date provided in the emergency department or ambulatory surgery, whichever occurred first.