

IP Inpatient Discharges

ED Emergency Department

AS Ambulatory Surgery

New Edits for Inpatient Reporting

In response to finding over-reporting of Other for Source of Admission, the following new and revised edits have been implemented effective with discharges on or after January 1, 2012.

COMPARATIVE EDITS:

REVISED: C013 – Decreased percent from 5% to 2% percent of records with Source of Admission-Other is greater than 2%.

Note: Excludes SOA 931 and 932 (Other-Not a Hospital)

NEW! C052 – Percent of records with Source of Admission 931 or 932 (Other-Not a Hospital) is greater than 0.1%.

Note: Infants born outside the hospital and reported with SOA 931 or 932 are excluded from this edit.

If you have any questions regarding the above edits, please contact your assigned analyst and they will be happy to assist you.

Check for Manual Updates

MIRCal reporting manuals are frequently updated. Please check monthly for the latest updates which are available on the [Manuals and Guides](#) page of our website for:

- Inpatient Data Reporting Manual
- Emergency Department and Ambulatory Surgery Data Reporting Manual.

Maintaining a Safe, Secure and User-friendly System

Here at OSHPD, we work diligently to provide a safe, secure, and user-friendly environment for our users. In doing so, there are times when we encounter system down-times. Our archive process caused MIRCal to be unavailable late July 2nd until it was restored July 4th. We would like to thank the facilities for being patient while we corrected the problem. In addition, we appreciate the details and screenshots provided by the facilities which helped identify what corrections needed to be made.

We will continue to push out security, network, and system software patches as well as code updates and make every effort to perform these updates during off hours for minimal interruption. In the event you experience any problems with MIRCal, please contact your assigned analyst. It is helpful to have screenshots available, when applicable.

Again, thank you for your patience and continued cooperation in providing quality data.

Changing Software Vendors?

There are several new health information technology software vendors entering the California market. If your facility is planning on changing or updating your computer systems, remember to include data reporting to MIRCal in your decision process. Our reporting requirements can be found on our Website under [Manuals and Guides](#).

We recommend you submit early to allow ample time to identify and correct any errors you may encounter resulting from mapping or other changes.



Dear MIRCal

Dear MIRCal: We occasionally have patients who arrive by ambulance with no information as to where they are coming from. What do we report as the Source of Admission?

A: Report Source of Admission as Home. "Home" refers not only to a patients' residency but also any point of activity. For example, if the patient is being admitted from a baseball game, it is still reported as Home.

Dear MIRCal: I have a patient whose payer is an Accountable Care Organization (ACO). What do I report as the Expected Source of Payment (ESOP)?

A: An ACO has healthcare provider organizations that manage Medicare healthcare services for beneficiaries. Since Medicare is paying the majority of the bill, you report Medicare as the ESOP.

New Look for Our Web Page

On July 3, 2012, our [webpages](#) converted to a new template aligning with other CA.gov sites. We hope that you find the modernization appealing and user-friendly. Note: OSHPD's new redesign is not compatible with Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) 6. Please contact your IT Department to update to IE 7 or higher.

Our public webpages are viewable using browsers such as Firefox, Safari, or Chrome; however these browsers are not compatible with data submissions via [MIRCal](#). It is a regulatory requirement that data be reported utilizing a Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser (Section 97244).

Thank You From Our Outreach Team

Recently, OSHPD analysts attended outreach visits to Kaiser Sacramento, Kaiser Roseville, San Joaquin General Hospital, and the Fremont-Rideout Health Group. The purpose of these outreach visits was to obtain best practices, to share with other facilities, and to reach out to facilities with assistance in submitting their data. Several facilities shared their best practices for successful MIRCal reporting. Below is the list compiled from all the facilities visited:

- Submit early
- Set goals for zero edits
- Check the MIRCal website for new information
- Work as a team
- Contact your OSHPD analyst for support
- Care about your data
- Be accurate
- Work hard
- Ensure training for contract coders
- Enforce quick turnaround times for patient data to be placed in digital record
- View reports generated in MIRCal such as:
 - Detailed Edit Reports
 - Data Distribution Reports (DDRs)
 - Custom reports
- Plan ahead for software conversions and review closely for adherence to OSHPD requirements
- Equip your staff with knowledge on how data is used
- Work closely with admissions staff and keep them informed of accurate reporting

These best practices have been critical components in successful reporting to OSHPD. We enjoy working with all reporting facilities and appreciate the opportunity to share best practices. Thank you to the facilities we visited for sharing your time and knowledge with us.

