

Insights to Coding and Data Quality

Reporting patient data to OSHPD

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When a discharge is not quite 'Routine'

The Patient Data Section (PDS) of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is responsible for collecting data on all inpatients discharged from each licensed hospital in California, identifying errors in the data, and guiding the reporting facilities toward compliance with data reporting requirements. The hospital inpatient discharge data set includes a total of nineteen data elements, some proprietary to California. PDS frequently receives inquiries on one data element in particular regarding the discharge disposition of a patient which has thirteen options.

A patient's disposition is defined as the consequent arrangement or event ending a patient's stay in the reporting facility. Out of the thirteen options for this data element, PDS most often receives questions about routine, skilled nursing/intermediate care, residential care, home health service, and hospice discharge dispositions.

Specifications for reporting these five particular dispositions are defined and discussed below:

Dispositions

- **01 Routine (Home)** - Includes patient's home or private residence, half-way house, group home, foster care, woman's shelter, licensed Alcohol or Drug Abuse Recovery facilities, home with hospice care when not referred to home health service, and homeless.
- **04 Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care – Within Same Hospital** - Skilled Nursing/ Intermediate Care Distinct Part within the reporting hospital. Includes hospice care provided in a skilled nursing bed within the reporting facility.
- **07 Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care – Elsewhere** - Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care type of care, either freestanding or a distinct part within another hospital, or to a Congregate Living Health Facility. Includes patients discharged to an acute care bed being used to provide skilled nursing care in an approved swing bed program at another facility; out-of-state, federal (Veterans Administration) and foreign hospital skilled nursing beds; and hospice care at another skilled nursing facility.
- **08 Residential Care Facility** - Facility that provides special assistance to its residents in activities of daily living, but that provides no organized health care. These facilities are licensed by the California Department of Social Services and are not considered to be health facilities. The facilities are referred to by a variety of terms (e.g., board and care and residential care facilities for the elderly, Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers, and Institution for Mental Disease).
- **12 Home Health Service** – Referred to a licensed home health service program which could include hospice care.

The Patient Data Section has analysts available and dedicated to assist facilities in the reporting of quality data. Please contact your assigned OSHPD analyst should you have questions pertaining to discharge disposition or other data elements. Other valuable and available resources for reporting requirements include: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 7, Chapter 10, Article 8 http://oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/Text_pdfs/Forms/PDSRegulations.pdf and MIRCAl California Inpatient Data Reporting Manual <http://oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/IPManual.html> .

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