

Insights to Coding and Data Quality

OSHPD discharge disposition codes for home health-based hospice

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The Patient Data Section at OSHPD recently received a question regarding the correct Disposition of Patient code to use when a patient is discharged home with home health-based hospice. The correct code to use depends on whether the patient was an inpatient or outpatient.

For Inpatient reporting, the correct code is **12 - Home Health Service. A patient referred to a licensed home health service program.** This category includes patients discharged home with home health services and *may include hospice care.*

For Emergency Department and Ambulatory Surgery reporting, the correct code is **50 - Discharged home with hospice care.** There is no code that combines home health services with hospice care.

Additional information and helpful examples are available in the MIRCAl Data Reporting Manuals located at <http://oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCAl/ManualsGuides.html>.

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