

## Insights to Coding and Data Quality

# OSHPD patient data regulations update – A move toward national standards

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**O**SHPD sent a survey in November 2013 asking our reporting facilities for feedback regarding potential changes to patient data reporting requirements for “disposition of patient” codes. In particular, the survey asked about:

- Adding the 16 new National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) “disposition” codes for Emergency Department (ED) and Ambulatory Surgery (AS) patient data
- Changing the reporting of inpatient “disposition” codes to align with ED and AS data

The survey feedback showed an overwhelming high level of support to move ahead with these data element changes. This prompted OSHPD to draft regulations to make these changes with an effective date of January 1, 2015. The draft regulations also address the recent ICD-10 code set delay by modifying the implementation date to October 1, 2015. It is OSHPD’s intent to adopt the ICD-10 code set on the same schedule as the federal government.

Please check <http://oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/LawsRegs.html> for regular updates.

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