

Addendum

2007 Hospital Inpatient Discharge Manual

Revisions

Present-on-admission (POA) – At the time we released the 2007 Hospital Inpatient Manual, CMS had not finalized its specifications for the POA. POA exempt codes were denoted by blanks, CMS later revised this with a value “1”. To coincide with this change, use “1” for all records which are exempt from POA assignment per UB-04 guidelines.

MS-DRG- Again, at the time of the release of the 2007 Hospital Inpatient Manual, information regarding MS-DRG was very limited. To accommodate the MS-DRGs and to minimize confusion, please prefix DRGs with a “M” to indicate MS-DRGs, “C” to indicate CMS-DRGs or “O” to indicate other DRG types such as Champus DRG, Medicaid DRG, etc. With the 2007 data requirements, DRG is a four-digit character and the first position need to reflect the DRG type indicator.

Edits

Error Thresholds – To further improve the quality of the Inpatient data and to be on par with other states, the error thresholds will be reduced from a 5% to 2% for all critical fields listed in the 2007 Hospital Inpatient submission manual.

Revenue Code Charges – Line item charges will be edited against the total charges. Facilities will be receiving as errors, all records where the total charges do not match the sum of the line item charges.

Medical Record Numbers - Medical Record Number (MRN) is a unique identifier assigned by the hospital to the patient’s medical/health record at the first admission and used for all subsequent admissions.

We have identified records within a facility where the same person is being assigned more than one MRN and also the same MRN being assigned to more than one person.

In order to calculate readmissions and also to link with other databases for research, patients have to be uniquely identified within a facility. All records within a facility that does not follow the MRN criteria given above will also be identified as errors.

Patient Control Numbers – Patient Control Number (PCN) is a number assigned by the hospital uniquely identifying individual discharge records.

All records with PCNs that do not uniquely identify a discharge within a facility will also be identified as errors.