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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