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Emergency Department visits

Line 40 is Non-emergency (Clinic) visits seen in the ED.

There are times when everything else is closed at a hospital and patients come to the ED for clinic type visits such as a sore throat. The ED sees these patients as there are no where else to send them. The ED should record these encounters as a minor EMS visit type.

The purpose of section 4 of the Annual Utilization Report of Hospitals is to present a picture of the medical services delivered in the hospital's emergency department. If a patient is seen in one of the emergency department's treatment stations **and** the procedure code assigned is one of the Emergency Department Services codes (i.e. CPT codes 99281 - 99285) then the encounter would be recorded as a "visit" on the "Emergency Department Services" table (section 4, lines 21 - 25, column 1).

Line 45 Emergency registrations, but patient leaves without being seen.

How is the hospital to report patients who came to the ED, being triaged by a nurse or MD, and then sent to a clinic located somewhere else on the hospital campus or to a clinic off the hospital premises?

Again the purpose of section 4 of the Annual Utilization Report of Hospitals is to capture data on the medical services delivered in the Emergency Department. Those patients who are not **treated** but are referred elsewhere (either to another department of the hospital or to another medical facility) would be recorded in the "Emergency Registrations, But Patient Leaves Without Being Seen" table (section 4, line 45, column 1).