

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CALIFORNIA INPATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL,
MEDICAL INFORMATION REPORTING FOR CALIFORNIA, SIXTH EDITION**

DISCHARGE DATE

Section 97224

The patient's date of discharge shall be reported in numeric form as follows: the 2-digit month, the 2-digit day, and the 4-digit year. The numeric form for days and months from 1 to 9 must have a zero as the first digit.

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2006:

DISCHARGE DATE						
<i>Month</i>		<i>Day</i>		<i>Year (4-Digit)</i>		

Reporting Requirements:

- The actual date of discharge from inpatient care or transfer to another Type of Care (TOC) must be reported, even if the length of stay is over 365 days.
- If the patient is discharged on February 5, 2000, the reported value is 02052000.

Discharge/Transfer:

A separate episode of inpatient care (a discharge) is to be reported when a patient is transferred between hospitals or within a hospital between Types of Care. If the patient is transferred from one TOC to another (e.g., from acute care to skilled nursing/intermediate care), the discharge date for the first episode would be the date the patient was transferred to "the new TOC" skilled nursing/intermediate care.

One Day Stays (Same Day):

One day stays include patients admitted and discharged on the same day. Such patients are formally admitted (expected to remain overnight or longer) but are discharged on the day of admission. A discharge data record must be reported to OSHPD.

Bed Hold Days:

Bed hold days are **not** reported to OSHPD. A patient cannot be in two types of care at the same time.

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Length of Stay:

This is calculated by subtracting the Admission Date from the Discharge Date. A patient admitted and discharged on the same day is calculated as one day LOS. The LOS will appear in OSHPD publications for hospital utilization and outcome studies.