FY2019 Hospital Emergency Department Visit Data

**RELEASE NOTES**

**Background**

These release notes provide information for users of the FY 2019 Emergency Department Visit Data (EDD). The data includes emergency visits from Massachusetts acute care hospitals for the period of October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019.

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) has made minimal changes to the FY 2019 data structure/ elements. Users of the data should consult the Fiscal Year 2019 Documentation Manual for further details.

**Data Notes**

 Beth Israel Deaconess Hospitals - Milton (Org Id 98), Needham (Org Id 53) and Plymouth (Org Id 79) incorrectly reported Source of Visit in FY19 due to a coding issue from a system conversion 10/1/2018. A high percentage (> 97%) of their visits were reported as directly referred to the Emergency Department by a Physician. This resulted in an understatement of the number of visits that should have been reported as Self Referral/Walk-In. Resubmissions were received too late to be included in the Final FY19 EDD release but corrections have been made for FY20.

* Steward Healthcare Hospitals updated their coding of ED Procedure Codes with an EHR system conversion in FY19 reducing the volume of reported procedure codes. Previously, all CPT codes were being included in their quarterly data submissions. This update limits their reporting to any ICD-10 or CPT procedure related codes.
* Lawrence Memorial Hospital (Org Id 66) closed their Emergency Department on March 7, 2019. Emergency Department Visit data is only reported for the first two quarters of FY19.

 Anna Jaques Hospital (Org Id 1) improved their coding on Type of Visit in FY19 resulting in shifts between Emergency and Urgent visits.

 Berkshire Medical Center (Org Id 7) and Fairview Hospital (Org Id 8) improved their coding on Type of Visit and Source of Visit in FY19 resulting in shifts between categories of visits.

**FY 2019 – Provider Specific Notes**

Prior to releasing the FY 2019 EDD, CHIA provides the hospitals with a profile of the data submitted. Providers may resubmit data or may provide written feedback to CHIA. Below is a summary of some of the key feedback received.

 Southcoast Hospitals Group –Charlton Memorial Campus (Org Id 123), St. Luke’s Campus (Org Id 124) and Tobey Campus (Org Id 145):

* Noted discrepancies with Top 10 Primary Source of Payment for all quarters of FY19. The number of ED visits reported with a source of payment of Self-Pay, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA and Free Care seemed high compared to internal hospital records. Due to resource constraints, resubmissions for possible corrections were not able to be submitted.
* Noted discrepancies with Top 10 Patient Zip Codes for all quarters of FY19. Certain zip codes seemed to be overstated when compared to internal hospital records. Due to resource constraints, resubmissions for possible corrections were not able to be submitted.

**End User Support**

Data documentation for Case Mix data releases can be accessed at [**http://www.chiamass.gov/case-mix-data/**](http://www.chiamass.gov/case-mix-data/). For more information about specific data elements, facility reporting, or other questions about the data, please contact CHIA by emailing [**CaseMix.data@state.ma.us**](mailto:CaseMix.data@state.ma.us).