

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

- 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/>. 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.