

# FY2018 Hospital Emergency Department Visit Data

## RELEASE NOTES

### Background

These release notes provide information for users of the FY 2018 Emergency Department Visit Data (EDD). The data includes emergency visits from Massachusetts acute care hospitals for the period of October 1, 2017–September 30, 2018.

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) has made minimal changes to the FY 2018 data structure/elements. Users of the data should consult the Fiscal Year 2018 Documentation Manual for further details.

### Data Notes

- **HealthAlliance (ORG ID 71) / Clinton (ORG ID 132) Hospitals** – HealthAlliance Hospital merged with Clinton Hospital on 10/1/2017 becoming UMass HealthAlliance- Clinton Hospital, an acute hospital with two campuses. The newly merged facility, UMass HealthAlliance-Clinton Hospital (ORG ID 71), assumed all medical record reporting for Clinton Hospital (ORG ID 132) for all quarters in the FY18 reporting period.

### FY 2018 – Provider Specific Notes

Prior to releasing the FY 2018 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.

- MetroWest Medical Center - Framingham Campus (ORG ID 49) & Leonard Morse Campus (ORG ID 457) and St. Vincent's Hospital (ORG ID 127):
  - Noted a concern with the Top 20 Patient Zip Codes Frequency Report understating their primary service area by not including Temporary US Patient ZIP codes.
- 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 Homeless Indicator and Visits by Ethnicity for all quarters of FY18. ED visits were incorrectly categorized on the EDD profile reports as “Not homeless” and an ethnicity of “Unknown”.
- Steward Norwood Hospital (ORG ID 41):
  - Noted timing of file submissions for quarter 3 & quarter 4 of FY18 contributed to the inability to validate data reported in the EDD profile report.
- Steward St. Anne's (ORG ID 114) and Carney Hospital (ORG ID 42):
  - Noted timing of file submissions for quarter 4 of FY18 contributed to the inability to validate data reported in the EDD profile report.
- Sturdy Memorial Hospital (ORG ID 129):
  - Noted discrepancies in Source of Visits for all quarters of FY18. EMS Transport visits were understated and Walk in/Self-Referral visits were overstated due to the coding of the rate value of the admit source.

## 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](mailto:CaseMix.data@state.ma.us).