

FY2018 Hospital Outpatient Observation Data

RELEASE NOTES

Background

These release notes provide information for users of the FY 2018 Outpatient Observation Data (OOD). This data includes outpatient observation stays 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) / UMass Memorial Medical Center – Memorial Campus (ORG ID 130) / UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus (ORG ID 131) and Marlborough (ORG ID 133) Hospitals** – These hospitals reported a high number of Observation stays with missing patient ZIP Codes for FY18. Most of these Observation stays, however, did include a valid permanent patient city/town. Linking these Observation stays by UHIN determined that valid ZIP Codes were reported for these same patients in the FY 2018 Emergency Department Visit Data.
- **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 OOD, 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.

- Baystate Franklin Medical Center (ORG ID 5), Baystate Wing Hospital (ORG ID 139) and St. Vincent's Hospital (Org ID 127):
 - Certain fields for observation patients admitted through the Emergency Department (ED) including Registration Time and Day, Discharge Day and Number of Observation Visits with ED hours greater than 24 hours were not reported for FY18.
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute (ORG ID 51):
 - Observation Type stays were not reported correctly for FY18. All Emergency observation type visits for Dana Farber are admitted through the Emergency Department at Brigham and Women's Hospital (ORG ID 22).
- Lawrence General Hospital (ORG ID 83):
 - Due to a system conversion, the validation reports could not be reviewed for FY18. However, their reported data passed validation thresholds.

- North Shore Medical Center – Salem Campus (ORG ID 116):
 - Observation stays by Patient Hispanic Indicator were not reported correctly in this field and do not accurately reflect patient population.
- Steward Norwood Hospital (ORG ID 41):
 - Due to a system conversion and late filing of submissions, the validation reports could not be reviewed for quarter 3 & quarter 4 of FY18. However, their reported data passed validation thresholds.
- Steward St. Anne's (ORG ID 114) and Carney Hospital (ORG ID 42):
 - Due to a system conversion and late filing of submissions, the validation reports could not be reviewed for quarter 4 of FY18. However, their reported data passed validation thresholds.
- UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus (ORG ID 131):
 - Observation stays by Departure Status, Ethnicity and Patient Hispanic Indicator were not reported correctly for FY18. The Average and Total Charges per observation stay and the total number of visits registered in the ED by day of week were also incorrectly reported.

End User Support

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.