

# FY2019 Hospital Outpatient Observation Data

## RELEASE NOTES

### Background

These release notes provide information for users of the FY 2019 Outpatient Observation Data (OOD). This data includes outpatient observation stays 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) did not have any Observation Stay data to report in FY19. They consolidated ICU and inpatient Medical/Surgical services to their MelroseWakefield Hospital Campus (Org Id 141) and subsequently closed their Emergency Department in March 2019.
- Cape Cod Hospital (Org Id 39), Falmouth Hospital (Org Id 40), Emerson Hospital (Org Id 57) and Milford Regional Medical Center (Org Id 97) incorrectly included a decimal when reporting Principal External Cause Code in FY19. Due to timing, resubmissions were not able to be included in the Final OOD FY19 release but corrections will be made for FY20.

### FY 2019 – Provider Specific Notes

Prior to releasing the FY 2019 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.

- MetroWest Medical Center – Framingham Union Hospital Campus (Org Id 49), Leonard Morse Hospital Campus (Org Id 457) and Saint Vincent Hospital (Org Id 127):
  - Patient ZIP Code extensions were incorrectly reported in FY19. The hyphen was included in the data field resulting in invalid data. This is under review by the hospital and will be corrected for FY20.
  - Registered Time and Day of Week in the ED were not reported for FY19. This is under review by the hospital and will be corrected for FY20.
- Milford Regional Medical Center (Org Id 97):
  - Due to timing of file submissions, the validation reports for Top 10 Principal Procedure Code and Top 10 Principal External Cause Code could not be reviewed for FY19. However, the reported data passed validation thresholds.
- Southcoast Hospitals Group – Charlton Memorial Hospital Campus (Org Id 123), St. Luke's Hospital Campus (Org Id 124) and Tobey Hospital Campus (Org Id 145):
  - Noted discrepancies with Top 10 Principal Procedure Code for FY19. The validation report does not reflect internal hospital records.
  - Noted all records reported with Unknown Social Security Number due to non-collection of this data.

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