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To: Hospital and Freestanding ASTC CEO's

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RE: Change in Illinois mandated discharge data submission process

Attachments: Training Information for new data collection

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Please review and share this document with all persons in your facility responsible for the reporting of hospital discharge data.

**Distribution List: Data Coordinators**

This letter is to inform you of important news regarding changes, effective with **October 1, 2012 discharges**, to the Illinois state mandated discharge data submission process. The Illinois Health Finance Reform Act was amended by IL PA 97-180 to allow collection of additional data elements and services from all licensed facilities, hospitals and free standing ambulatory surgical treatment centers, currently submitting discharge data. The new data elements and services are:

- 1) Five additional E-Code locations
- 2) Condition Code indicating patient admitted directly from same facility emergency department,
- 3) Patient name (first, middle, last and suffix),
- 4) Patient address (PO Box or street address, apartment number, city and state [ZIP currently collected: no change in requirement or file location],
- 5) Last four digits of patient SSN,
- 6) Primary insured's unique identifier (beneficiary/policy number), required if available,
- 7) Scheduled outpatient imaging services will be required.

This notice is intended to provide general information and an early awareness of coming changes in the state's data submission requirements. These data submission changes will not only help improve completeness and accuracy of discharge data but will also provide better health care data to the policy makers and resource planners working to maintain delivery of quality health care services to the residents of Illinois. If you have any questions please contact Rich Forshee at 217-782-6320 or [rich.forshee@illinois.gov](mailto:rich.forshee@illinois.gov)

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## **Attachment 1: Training Information for New Data Collection**

This letter is to inform you of important news regarding changes to the Illinois state mandated discharge data submission process. These changes are designed to provide a framework for collection of ICD-10-CM coding scheme values when implemented and improve the content and quality of health data available to the Department, necessary for improved analysis of the health care delivery systems in Illinois. The Illinois Health Finance Reform Act was amended by IL PA 97-180 to allow collection of additional data elements and services from all licensed facilities, hospitals and free standing ambulatory surgical treatment centers, currently submitting discharge data.

While it appears implementation of ICD-10 coding in the discharge data will be delayed beyond the initial October 1, 2013 start date, this coding scheme will be required in the near future. For this reason the related changes in the Illinois discharge data collection format are going in now for time and resource savings for all involved. The new data elements and services collected starting with **fourth quarter 2012** data are:

- 1) Five additional E-Codes locations (required when ICD-10 implements: optional in the interim),
- 2) Condition Code indicating patient admitted directly from same facility emergency department,
- 3) Patient name (first, middle, last and suffix),
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As a reminder, discharge data submission by your facility is mandated under the Health Finance Reform Act, last amended by Public Act 097-180. The discharge data requirement covers claims and encounter data related to all patients diagnosed, treated and discharged from your facility *without respect to the payer* of the claim (including if there is no payer of the claim). The Illinois Hospital Association [IHA] will continue to serve as the agent for the state in the collection of these data. The staff at the COMPdata help desk will assist you in obtaining additional information or details of the submission requirements resulting from the Department rule change.

Please visit the COMPdata hospital training web page

<http://compdatainfo.com/Training/Data-Submission/Illinois.aspx>

for additional details on changing submission requirements. The training material is provided

free of charge and the information presented will prove invaluable to your staff in performing their data submission duties. All data coordinators and other staff from your facility involved in data preparation and submission should regularly visit this site for updates and new submission tips. This information is accessible whether or not your facility is an IHA member.

The sessions cover all aspects of data submission and verification, such as record layout, file formatting, new data elements, data submission screens, data quality feedback reports, error correction, reported counts, and other operational issues. If your data submission staff do not view these sessions, they will be missing valuable information. The Department will work closely with the IHA to assist you and your staff in obtaining all the information and skills necessary to successfully complete the tasks related to state mandated data submissions. The Department views these training sessions as an essential component of receiving discharge data of the highest quantity and quality possible from your facility.

These data are the basis for publicly reported information in the Hospital Report Card and Consumer Guide to Health Care web site <http://www.healthcarereportcard.illinois.gov/>, designed to provide comparative facility-specific performance indicators for hospitals and ambulatory surgical treatment centers. These comparative measures are prepared for Illinois residents in their efforts to become more informed and better able to make good health care decisions. In addition, these data are made available to a wide variety of public and private entities involved in public health surveillance, research, marketing, and other health care related activities. The submission of complete and accurate data that represents the conditions treated and services provided at your facility benefits consumer, provider and data user. Note that failure to comply with this data submission requirement may subject your facility to penalties as provided in the Hospital Licensing Act [210 ILCS 85] or the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act [210 ILCS 5].

Technical and submission related questions should be directed to the COMPData Customer Support staff at 877-262-6222 or [ubhelp@ihastaff.org](mailto:ubhelp@ihastaff.org). In addition, IDPH staff will be available to assist you in any way necessary during the data submission process. Please call Rich Forshee of IDPH at 217-782-6320 with any questions related to this correspondence.