



Update
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Point of Origin Reminder:

WHA Information Center has been posting updates over the past few months to remind data submitters that NUBC is requiring several changes to the way facilities code Point of Origin (field 9 on the Wlpop primary record) that will take effect for dates of service on or after July 1st.

As a reminder, a good source of information about data submission requirements is the WHA Information Center Wlpop Manual that can be found online at: <http://www.whainfocenter.com/wipop.htm>

Below are several questions and answers that we have addressed in the last several weeks that we believe may be helpful to you too.

Question: What Point of Origin code should we use on the record/claim if the services rendered take place in two different quarters?

Answer: The Wlpop Manual, Section 1-3 Data Parameters (Inpatient Discharges and Emergency Department Visits), addresses this question (*Per Wisconsin law, WHAIC requires Point of Origin to be submitted only on Inpatient and ED records*):

“The discharge date is used to determine which quarter to use when reporting to WHA Information Center. For example, if service started on 06/30 and ended on 07/01, then the record would be included in the third- quarter data submission”.

With this in mind, all portions of the record should be reflective of the quarter in which it was submitted for. In other words, if the account is discharged on or after 07/01/10, please be sure the Point of Origin code is compliant with the new NUBC standards.

Question: If we can no longer use “Code 7, Emergency Room” to define point of origin, what should we use for a patient who is admitted after being treated in our facility’s ER?

Answer: The code should indicate where the patient came from before presenting at the facility.

The Wlpop Manual, Appendix III – Point of Origin, has been updated to reflect the changes to the language and definitions. Generally speaking,

according to Todd Omundson, Secretary, NUBC, "There is no replacement code for 7; people are to use one of the remaining codes that best fits the situation." "Code 7 was overused and misused. The Point of Origin (PoO) is simply where the patient came from before presenting to the health care facility. (The ED is within the facility.)"

The most common Points of Origin will be 1 (home or workplace) and 2 (clinic or physicians office). If the patient came from another facility's ER, code 4 (transfer from a hospital) should be used.

Question: Can a facility begin submitting the new point of origin codes to WHA Information Center for dates of service prior to the beginning of third quarter?

Answer: No. Wlpop will not accept the new codes for dates of service prior to July 1.

Question: If our facility submits Condition Codes, is there a specified order of precedence in which to report the conditions (i.e., if a patient has all four conditions which one(s) should be reported? And, how many codes will fit in each field?

Answer: The Wlpop Manual (Inpatient/Outpatient Submittal Data Dictionary) has been updated to reflect Condition Code changes, and a newly created Appendix IV (Condition Codes) is available for your reference.

In Wlpop, Condition Code1 field corresponds to unknown ZIP code (homeless). It will continue to be exclusively used for reporting Condition Code 17 – there is no change. Condition Code 1 should only be populated if the ZIP code field is blank.

As of July 1st, the remaining Condition Code fields (2 and 3) may be populated with any of the following condition codes - 60, 61, P7 and 47 (which are all optional.) Only one code is allowed per field. WHAIC does not prescribe which code(s) to use or the order of priority for the condition code fields. The Uniform Billing standard is to report them in alphanumeric sequence.

Please click the following links for more information regarding changes to the Point of Origin.

[http://www.whainfocenter.com/wipop_07/Appendix III.pdf](http://www.whainfocenter.com/wipop_07/Appendix_III.pdf)

[http://www.whainfocenter.com/wipop_07/Appendix IV.pdf](http://www.whainfocenter.com/wipop_07/Appendix_IV.pdf)

<http://www.whainfocenter.com/updates/update051410.pdf>

<http://www.whainfocenter.com/updates/update040910.pdf>

Please distribute this update to the appropriate staff within your facility to ensure suitable action is taken as needed.

Important Dates and Deadlines

June 28: Extended deadline to mark 4Q 2009 OHO data and 1Q 2010 Inpatient, Outpatient Surgery, EDV, and Observation data complete. (*Must have granted extension on file.*)