

ED Mode of Separation Code Set Update 2017/18

Summary This Information Bulletin advises of updates to the ED Mode of Separation code set for the purposes of reporting emergency department data.

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ED MODE OF SEPARATION CODE SET UPDATE 2017/18

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to inform NSW Health service providers and source system administrators of changes to the ED Mode of Separation Code Classification for use in the Emergency Department Data Collection.

KEY INFORMATION

The recently released NSW Health Admission Policy (PD2017_015) stipulates that a patient treated solely within the Emergency Department (ED) is not to be an admitted patient. This necessitates a revision of the code set for the ED Mode of Separation which is a mandatory data item reported by hospitals to the Emergency Department Data Collection.

Consequently, for the 2017/18 financial year, the ED Mode of Separation classification is being updated with the following changes:

The following values are to be retired:

- 02 Admitted & discharged as inpatient within ED
- 12 Admitted: Transferred to another hospital
- 13 Admitted: Left at own risk

The following value has its Description modified:

- “03 Admitted: Died in ED” to read “03 Died in ED”

The following value has its Definition and Guide for Use revised:

- 09 Departed: for other Clinical Service Location

Revised Definition:

Any person who, after receiving advice, has departed to a location outside of the ED before treatment is commenced.

Revised Guide for Use:

Patients should be assigned this code if they meet all of the criteria, (that is, they undergo a clerical registration process, are provided with advice about another health care service that could provide assessment and/or treatment of their condition, and leave the emergency department without receiving clinical care). However, patients should only be coded to this value if, at the time of their departure, they provided a reasonable indication that they did intend to seek assistance from another health care service including the service of which they were advised.

They may leave the emergency department immediately after being advised of the other health care service, or may leave after a period of time.

If it is unclear whether the person intended to seek further treatment from another health care service, they should be coded as “06 Departed: Did not wait”.

The health care service of which the patient is advised may include primary care/GP clinics, other clinics that provide specialised treatment (e.g. for mental health care or drug and alcohol care), or other health services (such as the patient’s usual general practitioner). The service may be co-located with the hospital in which the emergency department is located, or may be a separate facility.

A diagnosis is not required if the patient has not been assessed by an Emergency Department clinician.

ED Mode of Separation Revised Code Set Implementation Advice

The Ministry expects that by 31 December 2017 there will be no ED only admissions reported, as stipulated by the NSW Health Admission Policy.

Clarification Advice

Requests for advice concerning the revised ED Mode of Separation Classification should be directed to the Health System Information and Performance Reporting Branch, NSW Ministry of Health.

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1. Complete ED Mode of Separation Code Classification 2017/18

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COMPLETE ED MODE OF SEPARATION CODE CLASSIFICATION 2017/18

Outline

This document provides the ED Mode of Separation Code Classification applicable to services provided from 2017/18.

ED Mode of Separation

The status of the person at separation from the Emergency Department and place to which person is released.

Code (01) Admitted to Ward/inpatient unit, not a Critical Care Unit – Any person admitted through the Emergency Department to a Ward bed not a Critical Care Bed.

Code (03) Died in ED – Any person who has treatment or procedures carried out on, within the ED who subsequently dies in the ED. This category should include all failed resuscitations where the treatment is commenced or continued within the ED.

Code (04) Departed: Treatment completed – Any person who has treatment completed for their presentation. Include persons returning for continuation of treatment. This also includes those patients that received Nurse only treatment.

Code (05) Departed: Transferred to another hospital – Any person transferred to another facility directly from the ED after treatment has been commenced in the ED. Includes those patients who were planned for admission but who did not physically leave the ED to another treatment location prior to being transferred.

Code (06) Departed: Did not wait – Any person who leaves before treatment is commenced by a clinician. A Diagnosis is not required.

Code (07) Departed: Left at own risk – Any person who leaves against advice after treatment has commenced (patient will have a Doctor/Nurse Practitioner/Nurse seen by time). A diagnosis is required. Includes those patients who were planned for admission but who did not physically leave the ED to another treatment location prior to their departure.

Code (08) Dead on Arrival – Refers to persons certified dead by Medical Staff and who receives no resuscitation measures by hospital staff. Must have a type of visit of Dead On Arrival.

Code (09) Departed: For other Clinical Service Location – Any person who, after receiving advice, has departed to a location outside of the ED before treatment is commenced.

Patients should be assigned this code if they meet all of the criteria (that is, they undergo a clerical registration process, are provided with advice about another health care service that could provide assessment and/or treatment of their condition, and leave the emergency department without receiving clinical care). However, patients should only be coded to this value if, at the time of their departure, they provided a reasonable indication that they did

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intend to seek assistance from another health care service including the service of which they were advised.

They may leave the emergency department immediately after being advised of the other health care service, or may leave after a period of time.

If it is unclear whether the person intended to seek further treatment from another health care service, they should be coded as "06 Departed: Did not wait".

The health care service of which the patient is advised may include primary care/GP clinics, other clinics that provide specialised treatment (e.g. for mental health care or drug and alcohol care), or other health services (such as the patient's usual general practitioner). The service may be co-located with the hospital in which the emergency department is located, or may be a separate facility.

A diagnosis is not required if the patient has not been assessed by an Emergency Department clinician.

Code (10) Admitted: To Critical Care Ward – Any person admitted to an identified unit or beds for management of persons at higher risk of adverse events or outcome. Include beds designated such as ICU, CCU or HDU. These beds should have the capacity to monitor vital signs, including continuous monitoring of heart rate and rhythm.

Code (11) Admitted: Via Operating Suite – Any person admitted via the operating suite.

Code (99) Registered in Error: For those patients who have been registered in the ED system in error and/or duplicate registrations. These records are to be excluded from the Emergency Department Data Collection.

Code Set

Code	Domain Description
01	Admitted: To Ward/inpatient unit, not a Critical Care Ward
03	Died in ED
04	Departed: Treatment completed
05	Departed: Transferred to another hospital without first being admitted to the hospital from which transferred
06	Departed: Did not wait
07	Departed: Left at own risk
08	Dead on Arrival
09	Departed: for other Clinical Service Location
10	Admitted: To Critical Care Ward (including HDU/CCU/NICU)
11	Admitted: Via Operating Suite
99	Registered in Error