

Billing Alert

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) recently approved a series of changes to the Point of Origin code set (formerly “Source of Admission”). These changes become effective for discharges on or after July 1, 2010. This data element is reported in Form Locator 15 of the UB-04 and in CL102/Loop ID 2300 of the 837 Institutional implementation guide. The details of the changes are found in the NUBC minutes. The changes made primarily affect the following:

- 1) Three codes are eliminated and will no longer be valid for use:
 - Code 7 - Emergency Room
 - Code B - Transfer from Anther Home Health Agency (Replaced with new Condition Code 47)
 - Code C - Readmission to Same Home Health Agency
- 2) The definitions to Codes 1 and 2 have been modified. Code 2 now includes both clinic and physician office points of origin.
- 3) Also effective 7/1/10 is new Condition Code P7 to indicate that the patient was admitted directly from this facility’s Emergency Room/Department; it is **FOR PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING ONLY**.

For additional information on these changes, contact Todd Omundson, NUBC Secretary at tomundson@aha.org