

## July 2012 NUBC Meeting Summary

The summary below provides the highlights of the NUBC meeting relevant to the uses of the UB for public reporting.

### Planned Hospital Readmissions

The NUBC is interested in tracking planned readmissions, which is very relevant for Public Health Reporting Systems. There was an NUBC subcommittee formed to formulate a recommendation for the full committee to vote on. This recommendation was to add additional Discharge Status codes for hospitals to indicate when at discharge another visit was planned for that same patient condition. The NUBC approved that recommendation. Below are the 15 new Discharge Status codes approved effective October 1, 2013.

Base Code	New Code	Title
01	81	Discharged to Home or Self Care with a Planned Acute Care hospital Readmission
02	82	Discharged / Transferred to a Short Term General Hospital for Inpatient Care.
03	83	Discharged / Transferred to a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) with Medicare Certification with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
04	84	Discharged / Transferred to a facility that provides custodial or supportive care with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
05	85	Discharged / Transferred to designated Cancer Center of Children's Hospital with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
06	86	Discharged / Transferred to Home Under Care of Organized Home Health Service Organization with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
21	87	Discharged / Transferred to Court / Law Enforcement with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
43	88	Discharged / Transferred to a Federal Health Care Facility with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
61	89	Discharged / Transferred to a Hospital-based Medicare approved swing bed with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
62	90	Discharged / Transferred to an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) including Rehabilitation Distinct Part Units of a Hospital with a Planned Acute Care Hospital

		Inpatient Readmission
63	91	Discharged / Transferred to a Medicare Certified Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
64	92	Discharged / Transferred to a Nursing Facility Certified Under Medicaid but not Certified Under Medicare with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
65	93	Discharged / Transferred to a Psychiatric Hospital or Psychiatric Distinct Part Unit of a Hospital with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
66	94	Discharged / Transferred to a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission
70	95	Discharged / Transferred to Another Type of Health Care Institution not Defined Elsewhere in this Code list with a Planned Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Readmission

## NCVHS Update

Marjorie Greenberg summarized the March 8-9, 2012 NCVHS Population Health Subcommittee hearing on the state of the art on collecting socioeconomic stats focused on HHS surveys. HHS has established a working group on administrative data related to the standards under ACA (demographic data such as race & ethnicity, age, primary language) to see what relevance they might have to administrative data standards. The NCVHS sent a letter to the Secretary (posted on the NCVHS website) on June 22<sup>nd</sup> recognizing the three main components of socioeconomic status: education, income, and occupation.

With respect to occupation, the committee recommended at a minimum, that two standard questions be implemented: one question to collect occupation and one question to collect industry. They also recommended that automated coding of occupation and industry of survey responses should be further developed.

There was a presentation at the meeting on the automated coding system (NIOCCS). This is a new artificial intelligence system being developed at NIOSH that will automatically code text data to create census industry and occupation codes; the first public use version is expected in December 2012.

NAHDO and the Public Health Data Standards Consortium continue to be interested in capturing these occupation and industry data in the code-code field of the UB, particularly so it can become part of the UB data set. They are not looking for any recommendations for a code at this time.

## Routine Maintenance

An ongoing role of the NUBC is to maintain the existing UB-04 specifications manual. During this meeting the following maintenance issues were approved.

A new Patient Discharge Status Code (71) for Discharged / Transferred to a Designated Disaster Alternative Care Site was approved effective October 1, 2013.

The following changes were made to the Type of Bill (Form Locator 04)

032x – Home Health Services under a Plan of Treatment

033x – Discontinued

34x – Home Health Services not under a Plan of Treatment

All of these changes are effective on October 1, 2013.