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To: Hospital CEO’s

From: Bill Dart, MBA

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RE: Change in Illinois mandated discharge data submission process

Attachments: Training Information for staff

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

**Distribution List: Data Coordinators**

This letter is to inform you of important news regarding changes to the Illinois state mandated discharge data submission process, effective for discharges beginning on **July 1, 2016**. The Illinois Health Care Data Collection and Submission Code at 77 IAC Part 1010, Appendix A “UNIFORM INPATIENT DISCHARGE DATA,” #42, allows collection of additional Uniform Bill data elements and services from all licensed facilities, by providing 90 day notice prior to implementing the change.

These changes include the addition of new data elements (#1 below), and the retention of three current discrete elements (#2(a) , #2(b) and #2(c) below):

1) Condition Codes (up to eleven per case) will be added,

2) Three discrete elements currently collected based on Condition codes will be retained

 a) Patient admitted directly from same facility ER: CC=P7, and

 b) Condition Employment Related: CC=02

 c) Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNR) CC=P1

Note that these elements relate to hospital-based services, and thus, will be collected only from hospitals. This notice is intended to provide general information and early awareness of coming changes in the state’s data submission requirements for hospitals. 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 Dejan Jovanov at 312-814-1627 or dejan.jovanov@illinois.gov.

**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, effective for discharges beginning on **July 1, 2016**. These changes are designed to strengthen 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 and the Illinois Health Care Data Collection and Submission Code allows collection of additional Uniform Bill data elements and services from all licensed facilities in Illinois after providing a notice of changes 90 days prior to implementation. These changes include the addition of new data elements (#1 below), and the retention of three current discrete elements (#2(a) , #2(b) and #2(c) below):

1) Condition Codes (up to eleven per case) will be added,

2) Two discrete elements currently collected based on Condition codes will be retained

 a) Patient admitted directly from same facility ER: CC=P7, and

 b) Condition Employment Related: CC=02

 c) Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNR) CC=P1

Note that these elements relate to hospital-based services, and thus, will be collected only from hospitals. This notice is intended to provide general information and an early awareness of coming changes in the state’s data submission requirements for hospitals. The changes will make use of unused locations in the flat file for the new elements in the current data submission file structure to minimize the impact to computer systems and staff. The 5010 structure already accommodates these additional condition code fields for 5010 submitters. 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.

As a reminder, discharge data submission by your facility is mandated under the Health Finance Reform Act (20 ILCS 2215) and the Illinois Health Care Data Collection and Submission Code (77 IAC Part 1010). 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 elements. The staff at the COMPdata help desk will assist you in obtaining additional information or details of the new submission requirements.

Please visit the COMPdata hospital training web page by visiting <https://www.compdatainfo.com/Training/Data-Submission.aspx> and following the Training link for additional details on these changes to submission requirements. The training material is provided free of charge, and the information presented will prove valuable 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 does 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 Illinois health care facilities. 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 consumers, providers and data users. 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].

Technical and submission related questions should be directed to the COMPData Customer Support staff at 866-262-6222 or customerservice@team-iha.org. In addition, IDPH staff will be available to assist you in any way necessary during the data submission process. Please call Dejan Jovanov of IDPH at 312-814-1627 with any questions related to this correspondence.