
UB-04 Completion: Inpatient Services Billing Example

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The example in this section is to help providers bill inpatient services on the *UB-04* claim. Refer to the *UB-04 Completion: Inpatient Services* section of this manual for instructions to complete claim fields not explained in the following examples. For additional claim preparation information, refer to the *Forms: Legibility and Completion Standards* section of this manual. Hospitals reimbursed according to the diagnosis-related groups (DRG) reimbursement method should also refer to the *Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG): Inpatient Services* section in this manual.

Billing Tips:

When completing claims, do not enter the decimal points in ICD-10-CM codes or dollar amounts. If requested information does not fit neatly in the *Remarks* field (Box 80) of the claim, type it on an 8½ x 11-inch sheet of paper and attach it to the claim.

Surgical Pediatric Patient

Figure 1. Three-day stay for a surgical pediatric patient.

This is a sample only. Please adapt to your billing situation.

In this case, a 6-year-old boy is admitted on October 1, 2015, with a broken tibia and fibula. The boy is admitted to the hospital through the emergency room and an operation is performed. After the surgery, the boy enters the recovery room and is later admitted to the pediatric ward. He is released from the hospital on October 4.

Enter the two-digit facility type code “11” (hospital – inpatient) and one-character claim frequency code “1” as “111” in the *Type of Bill* field (Box 4).

Enter the date of admission, October 1, as 100115 in the *Admission Date* field (Box 12). Enter the 7 p.m. hour of admission in military terms (19) in the *Admission Hour* field (Box 13). In the *Admission Type* field (Box 14), enter the “type” of admission. In this case, the “1” indicates an emergency admit.

The total length of stay is entered in the *Statement Covers Period* field (Box 6). Enter the dates (100115 and 100415) in six-digit format. The day of admission is entered as the “From” date and the day of discharge is entered as the “Through” date. Enter the hour of discharge in military time (11) in the *Discharge Hour* field (Box 16) and the type of discharge (to home, transferred, etc.) in the *Status* field (Box 17). In this case, the “01” indicates the boy was “discharged to home.”

The patient’s Medicare status is shown in the *Condition Codes* field (Boxes 18 thru 24). Condition Code “YO” indicates the recipient is under 65 and does not have Medicare coverage.

Enter the appropriate revenue codes and descriptors in the *Revenue Code* and *Description* fields (Boxes 42 and 43). All ancillary services are listed. Ancillary services are not separately reimbursable for all hospitals. Units of service are not required for ancillary services.

Enter the usual and customary charges in the *Total Charges* field (Box 47). Enter code 001 in the *Revenue Code* column (Box 42) to designate the total charge line.

Enter the *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) control number in the *Treatment Authorization Codes* field (Box 63). In this case, TAR approval is required for the boy’s entire stay.

Enter an appropriate ICD-10-CM diagnosis code in Box 67. Because this claim is submitted with a diagnosis code, an ICD indicator is required in the white space below the *DX* field (Box 66). An indicator is required only when an ICD-10-CM/PCS code is entered on the claim.

Note: Hospitals reimbursed according to the DRG payment method are encouraged to enter all applicable diagnosis codes (up to 18 on a paper claim) in the *Diagnosis Codes* fields (Boxes 67 through 67Q) so the claim will reimburse at the appropriate level.

Hospitals also, must enter a present on admission (POA) indicator, if required, in the shaded area to the right of each diagnosis code. In this example, the primary diagnosis code would require a “Y” (yes) indicator because the leg fractures were present on admission.

Enter the principal ICD-10-PCS code in the *Principal Procedure* field (Box 74). The date the procedure was performed, October 1, 2015, is entered as 100115 adjacent to the procedure.

Note: Hospitals reimbursed under the DRG payment method are encouraged to enter all applicable procedure codes (up to six on a paper claim) in the *Principal/Other Procedure* fields (Boxes 74 through 74E) so the claim will reimburse at the appropriate level.

Enter the attending physician’s NPI in the *Attending* field (Box 76). Enter the operating physician’s NPI in the *Operating* field (Box 77). Enter the admitting physician’s NPI in the *Other* field (Box 78).

Figure 1: Three-Day Stay for a Surgical Pediatric Patient

1 UPTOWN MEDICAL CENTER 140 SECOND STREET ANYTOWN CA 958235555		2		3 PAT. CNTRL. # 4 MED. REC. # 5 FED. TAX NO.		6 STATEMENT COVERS PERIOD FROM 7 THROUGH		8 TYPE OF BILL 111															
8 PATIENT NAME a DOE, JOHN				9 PATIENT ADDRESS b																			
10 BIRTHDATE 04242007		11 SEX M	12 DATE OF ADMISSION 100115 19 1		13 HR	14 TYPE 1	15 SRC	16 DHR 11	17 STAT 01	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29 ACCT STATE	30	
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38		39 VALUE CODES CODE AMOUNT		40 VALUE CODES CODE AMOUNT		41 VALUE CODES CODE AMOUNT		42		43		44		45		46		47		48		49	
42 REV. CD.		43 DESCRIPTION			44 HCPCS / RATE / HIPPS CODE			45 SERV. DATE		46 SERV. UNITS		47 TOTAL CHARGES		48 NON-COVERED CHARGES		49							
1		123 ROOM AND BOARD								3		1140 00											
2		250 GENERAL PHARMACY										110 96											
3		272 STERILE SURGICAL SUPPLIES										161 81											
4		300 GENERAL LABORATORY										50 04											
5		320 DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY, GEN										880 33											
6		360 OPERATING RM. SERVICES, GEN										640 00											
7		370 ANESTHESIA, GEN										250 83											
8		410 RESPIRATORY SERVICES, GEN										4 64											
9		420 PHYSICAL THERAPY, GEN										390 00											
10		450 EMERGENCY ROOM, GEN										50 00											
11		710 RECOVERY ROOM, GEN										102 00											
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56 INSURED'S NAME				59 FREL				60 INSURED'S UNIQUE ID 90000000A95001				61 GROUP NAME				62 INSURANCE GROUP NO.							
A				B				C				D				E							
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63 TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION CODES 01234567890				64 DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER				65 EMPLOYER NAME															
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74 PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE DATE P1P1P1P 100115		75 OTHER PROCEDURE CODE DATE		76 OTHER PROCEDURE CODE DATE		77 OTHER PROCEDURE CODE DATE		78 ATTENDING NPI 1234567890		79 QUAL		80 FIRST		81		82		83		84		85	
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C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		K		L		M		N	
80 REMARKS		81 (CCI)		82		83		84		85		86		87		88		89		90		91	
A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		K		L	
C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		K		L		M		N	

Patient Transferred Between Acute/Administrative Care in Same DRG Hospital

The following examples provide instruction for billing for inpatient services when transferring a patient between acute level of care and administrative level of care in the same diagnosis-related groups (DRG) hospital.

The following are samples only. Please adapt to your billing situation.

Figure 2. Three-day stay for acute care of a patient.

In this case, a 26-year-old patient is admitted to the hospital June 1, 2016, through June 4, 2016. Then he is transferred to administrative level of care within the same DRG hospital.

Enter "111" in the *Type of Bill* field (Box 4).

Enter the date of admission, June 1, as "060116" in the *Admission Date* field (Box 12).

Enter discharge status code "70" in the *Status* field (Box 17).

The total length of stay is entered in the *Statement Covers Period* field (Box 6). Enter "060116" as the "From" date and "060416" as the "Through" date.

Enter the appropriate revenue codes and descriptor in the *Revenue Code and Description* fields (Boxes 42 and 43). All ancillary services are listed. Ancillary services are not separately reimbursable for all hospitals. Units of service are not required for ancillary services.

Enter the TAR control number in the *Treatment Authorization Codes* field (Box 63) if applicable. In this case, admission TAR is required.

Figure 2: Three-Day Stay for Acute Care of a Patient

1 UPTOWN MEDICAL CENTER 140 SECOND STREET ANYTOWN CA 958235555		2		3 PAT CONTL # 3 MED REC #		4 TYPE OF BILL 111	
8 PATIENT NAME DOE, JOHN		9 PATIENT ADDRESS		6 FED. TAX NO. 060116		7 STATEMENT COVERS PERIOD FROM 060416 THROUGH	
10 BIRTHDATE 04241990		11 SEX M		12 DATE 060116		13 ADMISSION 13 HR 1	
14 TYPE 1		15 SRC 11		16 DHR 70		17 STAT YO	
18		19		20		21	
22		23		24		25	
26		27		28		29 ACCT STATE	
30		31 OCCURRENCE DATE		32 OCCURRENCE DATE		33 OCCURRENCE DATE	
34		35		36		37	
38		39 VALUE CODES AMOUNT		40 VALUE CODES AMOUNT		41 VALUE CODES AMOUNT	
42 REV. CD.		43 DESCRIPTION		44 HCPCS / RATE / HIPS CODE		45 SERV. DATE	
46		47 TOTAL CHARGES		48 NON-COVERED CHARGES		49	
131		ROOM AND BOARD				3	
250		GENERAL PHARMACY				1140 00	
272		STERILE SURGICAL SUPPLIES				110 96	
300		GENERAL LABORATORY				161 81	
320		DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY, GEN				50 04	
360		OPERATING RM. SERVICES, GEN				880 33	
370		ANESTHESIA, GEN				640 00	
410		RESPIRATORY SERVICES, GEN				250 83	
420		PHYSICAL THERAPY, GEN				4 64	
450		EMERGENCY ROOM, GEN				390 00	
710		RECOVERY ROOM, GEN				50 00	
710		RECOVERY ROOM, GEN				102 00	
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50 PAYER NAME		51 HEALTH PLAN ID		52 PELL INFO		53 PARS BEN	
54 PRIOR PAYMENTS		55 EST. AMOUNT DUE		56 NPI		57 OTHER PRV ID	
58 INSURED'S NAME		59 PELL		60 INSURED'S UNIQUE ID 90000000A95001		61 GROUP NAME	
62 INSURANCE GROUP NO.		63 TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION CODES 01234567890		64 DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER		65 EMPLOYER NAME	
66 ICDX D1D1D1D Y		67		68		69	
70 PATIENT REASON DX P1P1P1P		71 HPS CODE		72 ECI		73	
74 PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE DATE 100115		75 OTHER PROCEDURE DATE		76 ATTENDING NPI 1234567890		77 QUAL	
78 OTHER NPI 2345678901		79 QUAL		76 ATTENDING NPI 3456789012		77 QUAL	
80 REMARKS		81 CC		78 OTHER NPI		79 QUAL	
82		83		79 OTHER NPI		80 QUAL	
84		85		80 OTHER NPI		81 QUAL	

Figure 3. Four-day stay for administrative care of a patient.

In this case, the patient is in administrative level of care on June 4, 2016, and is awaiting placement to a nursing facility. Then he is transferred back to an acute level of care on June 8, 2016, in the same DRG hospital.

Enter “111” in the *Type of Bill* field (Box 4).

Enter the date of admission, June 4, as “060416” in the *Admission Date* field (Box 12).

Enter discharge status code “95” in the *Status* field (Box 17).

The total length of stay is entered in the *Statement Covers Period* field (Box 6). Enter “060416” as the “From” date and “060816” as the “Through” date.

Enter the appropriate revenue codes and descriptor in the *Revenue Code and Description* fields (Boxes 42 and 43). All ancillary services are listed. Ancillary services are not separately reimbursable for all hospitals. Units of service are not required for ancillary services. Please note that all ancillary services are reimbursable under administrative days.

Enter the TAR control number in the *Treatment Authorization Codes* field (Box 63). In this case, daily TAR is required.

Figure 4. Sixty-two-day stay for acute care of a patient.

In this case, the patient's condition worsens as he is awaiting placement. He is transferred back to an acute level of care on June 8, 2016 in the same DRG hospital. He is then released from the hospital on August 9, 2016.

Enter "111" in the *Type of Bill* field (Box 4).

Enter the date of admission, June 8, as "060816" in the *Admission Date* field (Box 12).

Enter discharge status code "01" in the *Status* field (Box 17).

The total length of stay is entered in the *Statement Covers Period* field (Box 6). Enter "060816" as the "From" date and "080916" as the "Through" date.

Enter the appropriate revenue codes and descriptor in the *Revenue Code and Description* fields (Boxes 42 and 43). All ancillary services are listed. Ancillary services are not separately reimbursable for all hospitals. Units of service are not required for ancillary services.

Enter the TAR control number in the *Treatment Authorization Codes* field (Box 63). In this case, an admission TAR is required because the provider is required to submit an admission TAR for each acute admission into a DRG hospital, if applicable.

Figure 4: Sixty-Two-Day Stay for Acute Care of a Patient

1 UPTOWN MEDICAL CENTER 140 SECOND STREET ANYTOWN CA 958235555		2		3a PAT. CNTRL. # 3b MED. REC. #		4 TYPE OF BILL 111	
5 FED. TAX NO.				6 STATEMENT COVERS PERIOD FROM 060816		7 THROUGH 080916	
8 PATIENT NAME a DOE, JOHN		9 PATIENT ADDRESS b					
10 BIRTHDATE 04241990		11 SEX M	12 DATE 060816		13 ADMISSION TYPE 19	14 SRC 1	15 DHR 11
16 STAT 01		17 YR Y0		18-28 CONDITION CODES			
29 ACCT STATE		30		31-37 OCCURRENCE CODES			
38		39 VALUE CODES AMOUNT		40 VALUE CODES AMOUNT		41 VALUE CODES AMOUNT	
42 REV. CD.		43 DESCRIPTION		44 HCPCS / RATE / HIPPS CODE		45 SERV. DATE	46 SERV. UNITS
47 TOTAL CHARGES		48 NON-COVERED CHARGES		49			
121	ROOM AND BOARD					62	1140 00
250	GENERAL PHARMACY						110 96
272	STERILE SURGICAL SUPPLIES						161 81
300	GENERAL LABORATORY						50 04
320	DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY, GEN						880 33
360	OPERATING RM. SERVICES, GEN						640 00
370	ANESTHESIA, GEN						250 83
410	RESPIRATORY SERVICES, GEN						4 64
420	PHYSICAL THERAPY, GEN						390 00
450	EMERGENCY ROOM, GEN						50 00
710	RECOVERY ROOM, GEN						102 00
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50 PAYER NAME I/P MEDI-CAL		51 HEALTH PLAN ID		52-54		55 EST. AMOUNT DUE 3780 61	
56 INSURED'S NAME		59 PREL		60 INSURED'S UNIQUE ID 90000000A95001		61 GROUP NAME	
62 INSURANCE GROUP NO.		63 TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION CODES 01234567890		64 DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER		65 EMPLOYER NAME	
66 ICD-9-CM D1D1D1D Y		67 ICD-9-CM 0		68 ICD-9-CM A B C D E F G H		69 ICD-9-CM I J K L M N O P Q	
70 PATIENT REASON DX P1P1P1P		71 FFS CODE 060816		72 ECI a b c		73	
74 PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE P1P1P1P		75 OTHER PROCEDURE CODE 060816		76 ATTENDING NPI 1234567890		77 QUAL	
78 OTHER NPI 2345678901		79 QUAL		77 OPERATING NPI 3456789012		78 QUAL	
80 REMARKS		81 CC a b c d		79 OTHER NPI		80 QUAL	

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