

FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data

RELEASE NOTES

Background

These release notes provide information for users of the FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data (HIDD). The data includes inpatient discharges from Massachusetts acute care hospitals for the period of October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023.

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) did not make changes to the FY 2023 data structure/elements. Users of the data should consult the Fiscal Year 2023 HIDD Documentation Manual for further details.

DATA NOTES

- Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital (Org Id 25) temporarily closed as of February 7, 2023, due to a transformer fire and did not submit quarterly HIDD files for FY 2023 Q3 and Q4.
- Steward Norwood Hospital (Org Id 41) temporarily closed on June 29, 2020, due to flooding and did not submit quarterly HIDD files for FY 2023. This site is currently undergoing a complete renovation and rebuild.
- MetroWest Medical Center – Framingham Campus (Org Id 49) and Saint Vincent Hospital (Org Id 127) are missing Transfer Org Ids for FY 2023 Q3 and Q4 due to a system conversion. This is expected to be corrected for FY 2024.
- Shriners Hospitals for Children Springfield (Org Id 11718) closed inpatient services and became a licensed ambulatory outpatient clinic effective on 1/1/2023. Therefore, for FY 2023 only Q1 data is included.

Prior to releasing the FY 2023 HIDD data, CHIA provides the hospitals with a profile of the data submitted. Providers may resubmit data or may provide written feedback to CHIA. Below is a summary of some of the key feedback received:

- Berkshire Medical Center – Berkshire Campus (Org Id 7):
 - Noted decline in inpatient psychiatric admissions reflecting a downward trend in substance use and a general reduction in admit volume.
- Fairview Hospital (Org Id 8):
 - Noted 20% decrease in patient discharges reflecting a general downward trend in patient discharge volume.
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center – East Campus (Org Id 10):
 - Noted an overall increase in Cardiovascular admissions during the second half of FY 2023.
- Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Milton (Org Id 98):
 - Noted total patient discharge increase attributed to temporary closure of Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital in February 2023.
- Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Needham (Org Id 53):
 - Noted total patient discharge increase attributed to temporary closure of Norwood Hospital.
 - Noted an increase in Direct Physician Referral volume due to an internal hospital system update in information capture.
 - Noted volume increases and related capacity restraints led to an increase in semiprivate room accommodations.

- Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Plymouth (Org Id 79):
 - Noted total patient discharge increase attributed to the closure of Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital in February 2023.
- Boston Children’s Hospital (Org Id 46):
 - Noted Principal Diagnosis Code – J210-Acute Bronchiolitis due to RSV diagnoses peaked for FY 2023 in Q1 and declined thereafter.
- Cape Cod Hospital (Org Id 39):
 - Noted increase in Hispanic data collection due to improved self-registration process.
 - Noted Primary Source and Type of Payment shift in Self Pay with discontinuance of Steward Health agreements.
- Cooley Dickinson Hospital (Org Id 50):
 - Noted Source of Payment Q3 category shifts due to a provider accepting MassHealth Medicaid Patients in a MassHealth MGB ACO plan. These discharges are incorrectly included in 910-Allways Health Partners. This will be corrected going forward in FY 2024.
- Emerson Hospital (Org Id 57):
 - Noted 28% decrease in Ancillary Service for Pulmonary Function-General starting in Q3 FY 2023 which is the result of a policy change. Billing was discontinued for pulse oximetry when collected as part of a vitals check and allowed only when physician ordered and deemed medically necessary.
- Falmouth Hospital (Org Id 40):
 - Noted downward trend in Type of Admission for elective reporting category due to many orthopedic procedures moving to an outpatient basis.
 - Noted Primary Source and Type of Payment shift in Self Pay with discontinuance of Steward Health agreements.
 - Noted significant increase from FY 2023 Q2 to Q3 in reported volume of Revenue Code 270 due to an increase in Computed Tomography (CT) services requiring supplies (patients with contrast), operating room cases and respiratory therapy treatments.
- Harrington Memorial Hospital (Org Id 68):
 - Noted volume shifts in categories for Source of Admission due to the re-education of patient access staff in the proper use of admission source.
- Holyoke Medical Center (Org Id 77):
 - Noted improvements made in reporting Type of Admission due to staff education.
 - Noted fluctuations in Source of Admission resulted from a mapping issue between Direct Physician Referrals and Walk-In/Self-Referral. This issue has been corrected for FY 2024.
 - Noted room and board charge codes were mapped incorrectly and have since been corrected.
 - Noted decrease in data required to create CHIA generated Unique Health Information Numbers (UHIN) related to patient refusal to provide due to privacy concerns.
- Lawrence General Hospital (Org Id 83):
 - Noted improvements in patient discharge dispositions and room accommodations due to system mapping updates.
- Mercy Medical Center – Springfield Campus (Org Id 119):
 - Noted increase in Admission Source for Direct Physician Referrals due to increased OB/GYN Physician referrals.
- Milford Regional Medical Center (Org Id 97):
 - Noted discontinued reporting of Room and Board Semi-Private (One Bed) accommodations after chargemaster audit recommended updating the revenue code to better reflect the use overall of the room.

The following hospitals resubmitted data prior to finalizing the FY 2023 HIDD release available in May 2024.

- Boston Medical Center (Org Id 16) resubmitted all quarters after opening the Brockton Behavioral Health Center to correct patient discharges with an incorrect Hospital Service Site Org Id.
- Milford Regional Medical Center (Org Id 97) resubmitted quarters 2 and 3 to correct Source of Admission Codes.
- Mass General Brigham including Massachusetts General Hospital (Org Id 91), Brigham and Women's Hospital (Org Id 22), Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Org Id 51) and Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital (Org Id 59) resubmitted various quarters to correct payer source mapping.
- North Shore Medical Center – Salem Campus (Org Id 116) resubmitted quarters 3 and 4 to adjust payer source mapping.
- Saint Vincent Hospital (Org Id 127) resubmitted quarter 3 to include all data following EMR conversion.

End User Support

For more information about specific data elements, facility reporting, or other questions about the data, please contact CHIA by emailing CaseMix.data@chiamass.gov.