Indian Health Service Patient Registration Data: The Heart of IHS Data and Reporting

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Presentation Overview

Knowing your role in the Revenue Cycle

Patient Registration Data and impacts of inaccurate data

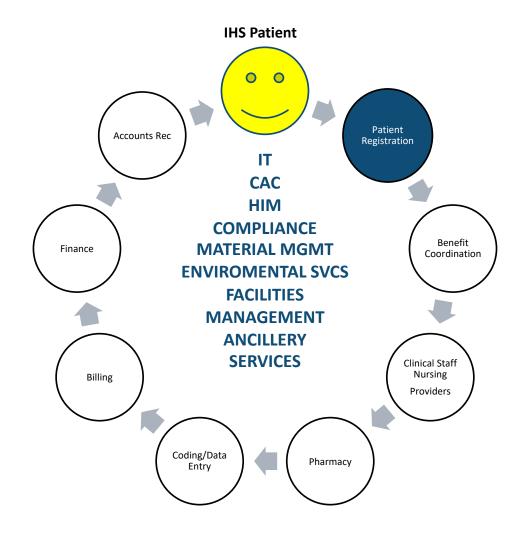
How Patient Registration Data is used

Best Practices: How to improve data integrity



Knowing Your Role In The Revenue Cycle







Patient Registration Functions

Customer Service. Registration staff are the first point-of-contact.

Interviews the patient (ask open-ended questions).

Patient Registration creates the patient record and patient identification system. Inaccurate information can adversely affect other departments and cause unnecessary reworks by the BO staff and HIM staff. Registration staff are the GATE KEEPERS of the facility.

Updates the patient record on **every visit**, including but not limited to, demographic information and third party eligibility information.

Collects third party resource information, verifies, enters and sequences.

Documents the patient encounter.



Patient Registration Data and Impacts of Inaccurate Data



Who is impacted by inaccurate data?

Health Information Management (HIM)

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

Billing

Accounts Management (A/R)

Finance

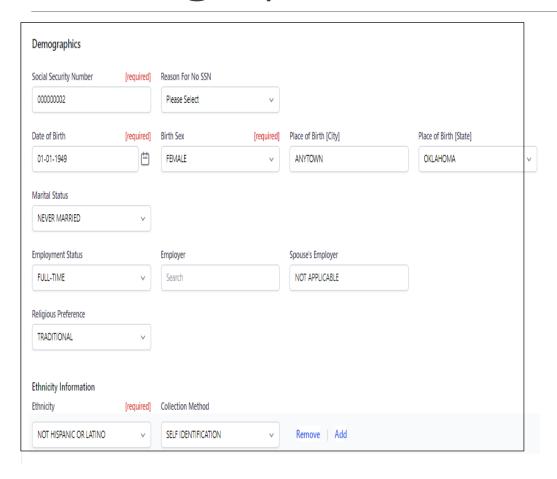
Ancillary Services

National Data Warehouse

EHR/Coding



Demographics



Important Data Fields

- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Birth Sex
- Ethnicity

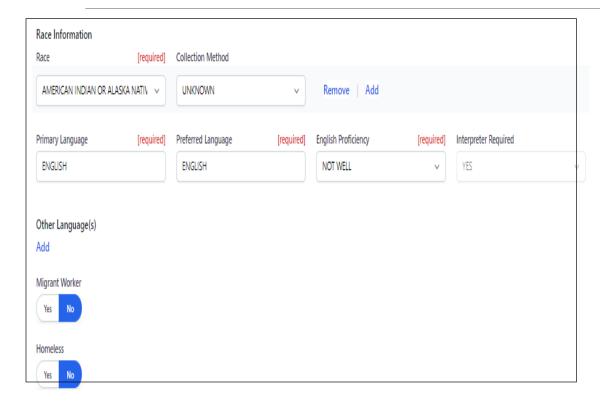
Other Data Fields

- Employment Status
- Employer
- Spouses Employer

These fields impact Billing, Clinical, PRC, PBC, HIM and reporting



Demographics



Important Data Fields

- Race
- Primary Language
- Preferred Language
- English Proficiency

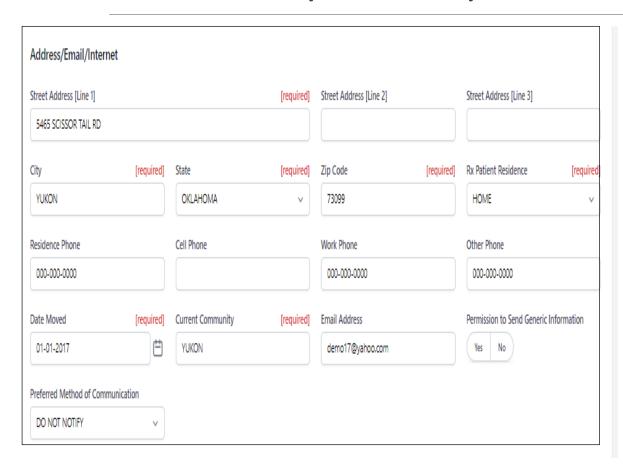
Other Data Fields

- Interpreter Required
- Migrant Worker
- Homeless

These fields impact reporting, UR, Clinical and Patient Registration.



Address/Email/Internet



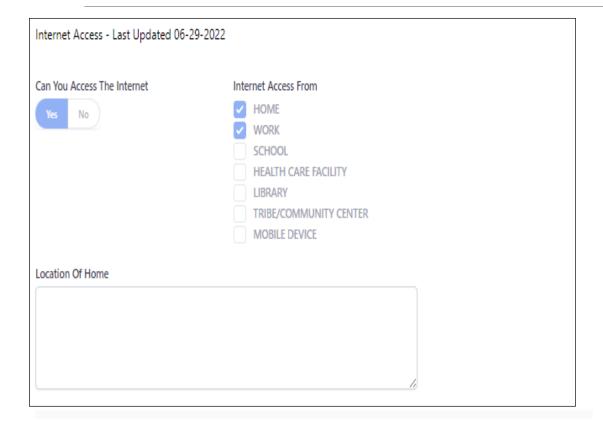
Important Data Fields

- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code
- Date Moved
- Current Community

These fields impact almost every department and reporting.



Address/Email/Internet



Important Data Fields

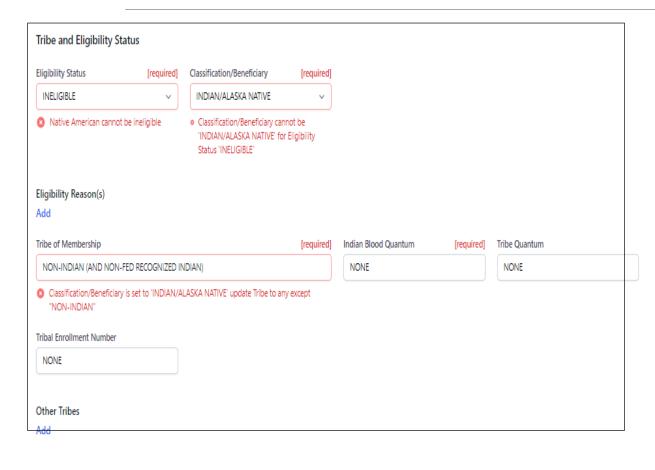
Location of Home

Obtaining the patient's Location of Home (physical address) should be obtain when the patient's mailing address is a post office box.

This field can impact PRC and Clinical staff



Tribe and Eligibility Status



Important Data Fields:

- Eligibility Status
- Classification
- Tribe of Membership
- Indian Blood Quantum

This information can impact PRC, HIM, reporting and Patient Registration



Legal and Preferred Name

Legal Name - DEMO,PATIEN	IT		
DOCUMENT NUMBER	NAME CHANGED TO	DATE NAME CHANGED	PROOF PROVIDED
	N	o data for Legal Names	
Preferred/Other Names			
Preferred Name	PATIENT		
Other Names	DEMO,PATIENT		



SO/GI

Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

Director Tso, signed the policy on June 16, 2023

Staff should be trained before implementing

Training materials are available on the RPMS Training Repository and additional training will be coming soon.

https://www.ihs.gov/rpms/training/recording-and-material-library/





Emergency Contact and Next of Kin

Emergency Contact/Next of Kin			
Emergency Contact	Name HOME,MY	Relationship GRANDMOTHER	Address 5465 SCISSOR TAIL RD DEMO, OKLAHOMA, 00000
	Phone Number	Work Phone	
Next of Kin	Name DEMO,SUSIE	Relationship DAUGHTER	Address 5555 MOCKINGBIRD LANE DEMO, OKLAHOMA, 00000
	Phone Number 555-555-5555	Work Phone	



Family Information

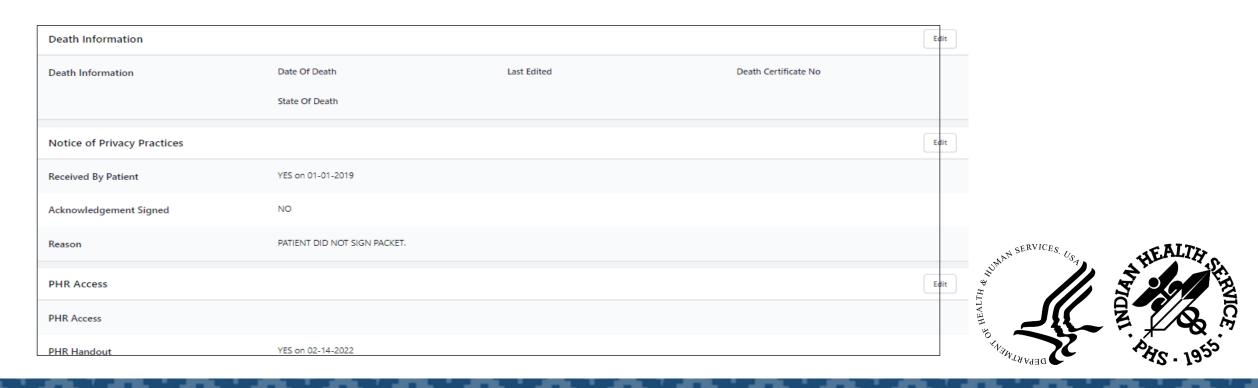
Incorrect parental information can impact Patient Registration, HIM and Clinical staff. Obtaining birth certificates and/or court orders for minors help keep this information up-to-date and accurate.

Family Information			
Father's Information	Name DOE,FATHER	Place Of Birth	Employer DECEASED
	Primary Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address
Mother's Information	Maiden Name DOE,MOTHER	Place Of Birth	Employer DECEASED
	Primary Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address
Household Information	Number In Household	Total Household Income \$1.00	Income Period YEAR



Death Information/NPP/PHR

Obtaining this incorrect Death Information can effect the Business Office, Patient Registration, HIM and Clinical staff. Patient Registration should request a death certificate to verify the patient's information and to have valid documentation for the date of death.



Veteran Status

This is a requirement for reporting purposes and to determine if the patient is enrolled in VA benefits. Patient's should be asked, "Have you ever served in the military?"

Veteran Status				Edit
Veteran	YES			
	Service Branch AIR FORCE	Service Entry Date 06-11-2005	Service Separation Date 06-11-2007	
	Vietnam Service Indicated UNKNOWN	Claim Number	Is Service Connected NO	
	Description of VA Disability OPEN TEXT FIELD	Valid VA Card		

AOB/ROI

The AOB/ROI dates will cross over to the billing package. An out dated AOB/ROI will cause billing delays.

Assignment of Benefits/Release of Info	rmation	Add AOB Add ROI
Assignment of Benefits (AOB)	02/08/2023 View AOB History	
Release of Information (ROI)	02/08/2023 View ROI History	



What data is pulled from the Patient Registration package to the Billing package?

Patient's Information

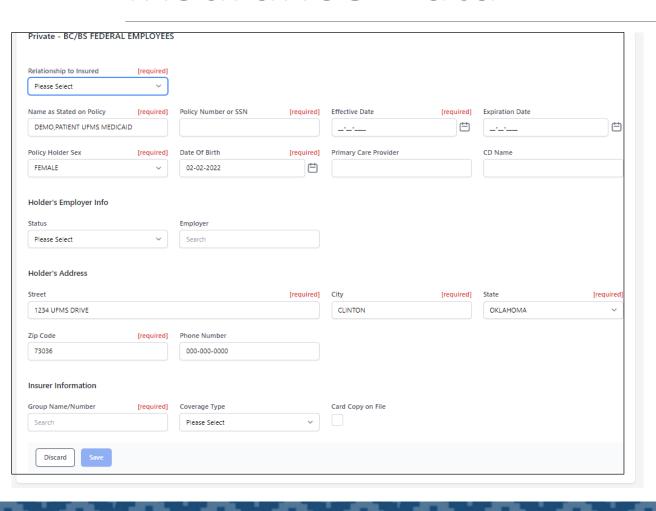
- Name
- Address
- Date-of-Birth
- Gender
- Phone Number
- Relationship to the insured

Insured's Information

- Name
- Address
- Date-of-Birth
- Gender
- Phone Number

****50% of information collected by Patient Registration will crossover on claims***



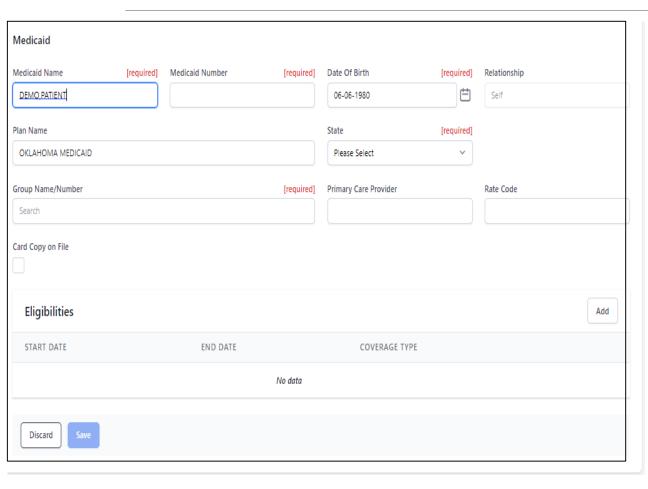


The information on this form needs to be accurate in order not to causes delays in Billing and re-work by A/R staff.

The Insurer file in Table Maintenance should also be up-to-date to prevent delays and rework.

The Policy Name, Relationship and Group Number should be verified often to ensure the information is accurate.

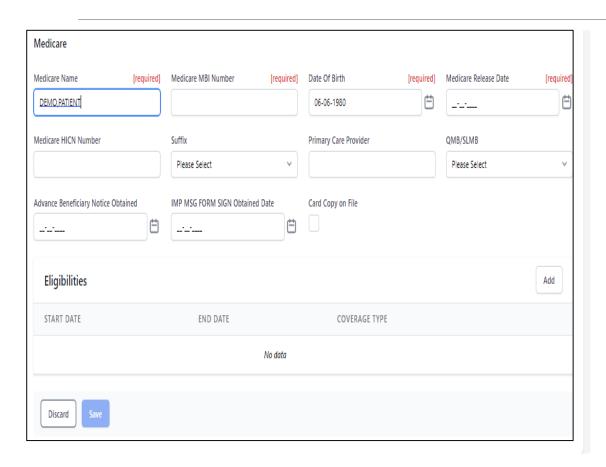




The Medicaid Name and DOB need to match with the patient's state Medicaid enrollment information. If these do not match, this will cause claims to reject.

This form will auto-populate the patient's name. However, you can change the patient's Medicaid Name on the form to match their enrollment information with the state.





Medicare, like Medicaid, needs to match with the patient's Medicare information with the SSA and CMS.

Incorrect MBI's and Medicare names will cause delays in the Billing and cause claims to reject.



Medicare Secondary Payer

MSP Surveys					Add MSP Survey
 Errors Medicare Secondary Payer exp 	pired				
DATE SURVEY GIVEN	SIGNATURE DATE	MSP PATIENT	MEDICARE SECONDARY REASON	COMPLETED BY	
01-16-2021		NO		GOODAY,APRIL	Edit
11-20-2017		NO			Edit
08-16-2017	08-16-2017	NO		POOLAW,CAROL	Edit
08-16-2017	08-16-2017	NO		LUTTRELL, AFTON LCSW	Edit
01-04-2017		NO			Edit
03-24-2015		NO			Edit



Sequencing

Sequencing impacts the Lab package.

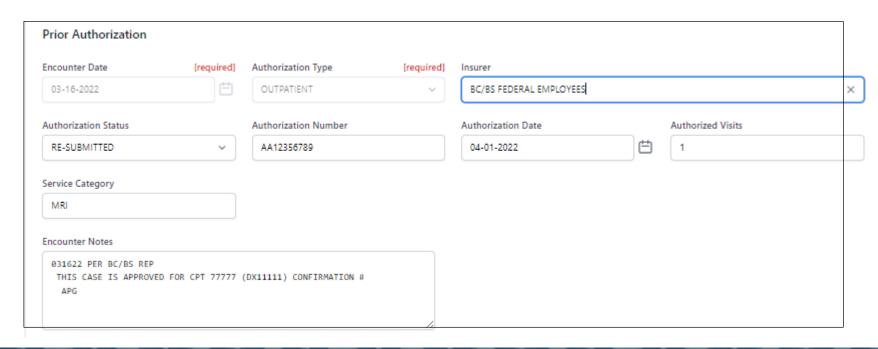
Also, depending on your billing practices, can impact the Billing.

Medical Sequence						Add Medical Sequence
This sequence reflects the la	atest priority sequence date.				Sequ	ence Date: 01-01-2023 V Delete
SEQUENCE NUMBER	INSURER	SUBSCRIBER	COVERAGE TYPE	POLICY NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY BEGIN DATE	ELIGIBILITY END DATE
1	D-RXAMERICA B:012189 P:5000 PO BOX 22690, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84122	DEMO,PATIENT	D	123456789	01-01-2010	
2	OK - OKLAHOMA MEDICAID	DEMO,PATIENT	ок	B01234567	10-01-2020	



Prior Authorizations

Prior authorization is required for most inpatient stays and some outpatient visits. Entering the Authorization Number is important for the billing staff, as they will have to hand key this information into the billing package. Not obtaining prior authorizations will cause denials and rework for the A/R staff and/or Patient Registration staff.





How Patient Registration Data Is Used



How is the data used?

Data is used for Administrative and/or reporting purposes.

Third Party payer Area wide data is often requested for an overview of the 3rd party resources available within the service unit, an Area or all of IHS.

There is a data field to check if a Patient has any VA benefit status (yes or no). This aggregate data is used to determine if there is a need for VA outreach in certain areas of the state.

Helps with planning of health care facilities



How is the data used?

Congressional Reporting and Budget formulation/justification

Decision making and strategic planning

Program evaluation

Administrative review, productivity, accountability

Performance and quality improvement

Grant applications

Funding formulas



User Population Data

IHS User Population counts patients who are active users of the Indian Health System within a three-year period. The Indian Health system includes IHS, Tribal or Urban health facilities.

The data comes from patient registration and workload encounter data that is exported to the IHS National Data Warehouse (NDW).

The NPIRS team prepares the unduplicated patient count by each Area. The data sources are from the time a patient registers to the actual visit; all of the components are important are need to be as accurate and timely as possible.



NDW Data Content

REGISTRATION

- Patient Identification
- Chart numbers and locations
- Address
- Community of Residence Code
- Social Security Number
- Tribal membership and benefit class
- Insurance eligibility
- Veteran Status (Y/N)

ENCOUNTER

- Admission and discharge dates
- Patient data
- Location (Facility/clinic) of the service
- Provider discipline
- Procedure, diagnosis, injury and dental codes
- Lab tests and clinical measurements
- Health factors
- Patient Education
- Medication
- Contract Health Service data such as authorizanumber, authorizing facility and cost



Best Practices: How To Improve Data Integrity



Scripting

Can be used for everything!

Patient Interview

- First, standardize your script.
- Then, determine which questions you are going to ask every visit.
- Questions should be geared toward maintaining the registration data and should be opened-ended.

Example on next slide



Established Patient Presents

Greet and Assess

- •Good morning/afternoon/evening ?
- •How can I help you today?
- •Do you have an appointment today?
- •Same Day Appointment
- Scheduled Appointment
- •(Follow clinic procedures to schedule a Same Day Appointment or check-in the scheduled appointment.)

Patient Interview: Demographics (Openended Questions)

- •REQUIRED: Ask patient for two identifiers
- •Can I have your name and DOB?
- •Can I have your name and HRN?
- What is your current mailing address?
- •If PO Box

What is your current physical address? (Enter information into the Location of Home box.)

- Verify address/zip code annually or whenever the address is updated.
- •What is a telephone number you would like to the clinic to contact you?
- •Are you currently employed?
- •Full/Part time?
- •Current Employer's name
- •Do you have access to the internet?
- Home/Cell/Work/School/Library
- Would you like to add your email address?
- •Who would you like as you Emergency Contract?
- •Who would you like as your Next-of-Kin?
- Would you like your Emergency Contact and your Next-of-Kin to be the same person?
- •Migrant/Homeless?
- Advance Directive?

Patient Interview: Insurance

- •Do you have active insurance?
- Medicaid
- Verify on ever visit.
 No AOB/ROI required.
 Update AOB/ROI Dates Annually.
- Medicare
- Scan card.

Obtain signature for the MSPQ and AOB/ROI annually.

Update the electronic MSPQ on every visit.

Verify coverage on the first visit of every month.

- Private Insurance
- •Scan card and obtain the AOB/ROI signature annually.

Rx coverage only does not require a signature.

- •VA
- •No AOB/ROI signature required, however, obtain annually.
- Workman's Comp
- Obtain all information from the patient including worker's comp number, claims mailing address and AOB/ROI signature.

Send all information to the BOM once completed.



Knowing The Types of Patients

During the Patient Interview, identify the Type of Patient you are interviewing to determine what should be included in your documentation, what information should be obtained/reviewed in the record and if additional PI verification is required.

Types of Patients (6)

- No insurance
- Patient with insurance
 - Medicaid
 - Medicare
 - Private
 - Combination (Dual Coverage)
- New patient/Re-activated patient



Why is the Patient Registration documentation important?

Rule of thumb: Only use universal abbreviations or abbreviations that are easy to understand.

Documentation should be clear and concise.

Only document relevant information.



No Insurance Example: Create a baseline to be used in all documentation

O52517 OHCA VERIFIED, NO ACTIVE MEMBER USING THE NAME/DOB AND SSN/DOB. APG
VIEWED PATIENT'S TXDL. APG
NO CHANGES TO THE RECORD. NO ADVANCE DIRECTIVE. APG



Medicare Example: Create a "cheat" for yourself within the documentation that serves multiple purposes.

052517 OHCA VERIFIED, NO ACTIVE MEMBER USING THE NAME/DOB AND SSN/DOB. APG

VIEWED PATIENT'S TXDL. APG

NO CHANGES TO THE RECORD. NO ADVANCE DIRECTIVE. APG

PATIENT RECEIVES MCR BASED ON AGE, RETIRED 01/01/2019, SPOUSE IS A

HOMEMAKER, MCR IS PRIMARY. APG

UPDATED MSPQ SURVEY, NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED. APG

PER ABILITY, PATIENT'S MCR PARTS A AND B ARE STILL ACTIVE. NO

MCR PART D. APG

UNABLE TO CLEAR THE PBC WARNING. APG



Reactivated Record Example: Create a noticeable message for the next visit.

053017 ***CHART REACTIVATED FOR LIH*** OHCA VERIFIED, NO ACTIVE MEMBER USING THE NAME/DOB AND SSN/DOB. APG SCANNED CDIB, OKDL, MCR CARD AND HUMANA CARD. APG SCANNED THE HIPAA/PRIVACY AOB/ROI'S CY17 AND MSPQ SIGNATURES. APG NO ADVANCE DIRECTIVE. UPDATED THE ADDRESS, PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER, EMERGENCY CONTACT AND NEXT OF KIN. APG PER ABILITY, PATIENT HAS ACTIVE MCR PART A EFFECTIVE 04/01/1984, MCR PART B EFFECTIVE 09/01/1984, AND MCR PART C WITH HUMANA EFFECTIVE 01/01/2014. APG PATIENT RECEIVES MCR BASED ON AGE, RETIRED 01/01/1984, SPOUSE RETIRED 01/01/1984, MCR PART C IS PRIMARY. APG ADDRESS/ZIP CODE VERIFIED THROUGH MELISSADATA.COM, PATIENT LIVES IN CADDO COUNTY. APG PHR HANDOUT GIVEN TO PATIENT AND DATE DOCUMENTED UNDER THE PHR ACCESS TAB. APG ***30 DAY NOTICE GIVEN TO THE PATIENT FOR NO SS CARD*** APG



Create An Audit To Manage The Patient Interview

Example of Patient Check-in audit sheet.

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Create An Audit To Manage The Patient Interview

Example of New Record audit sheet.

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Utilizing Reports

At this time, unfortunately, we are unable to run a Productivity Report that shows the user name for last updated.

Reports

- PORP (Listing of Patient Eligibility Counts)
 - ABM > ELTP > RPEL > PORP
- FAUD (Full Patient File Audit)
 - AG > PTRG > RPT > FAUD
 - File cleanup
- ERP (Print Field Audit Report)
 - AG > PTRG > RPT > ERP
 - Prints Errors and Warnings (Patient Registration Package) by category



Utilizing Reports

PORP Example:

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PATIENT ELIGIBILITY STATUS REPORT	AUG 15,2	019@09:15:31																	
For Visit Dates:	01/01/201	19 to 07/31/2019																	
Billing Location(s):	CLINTON	INDIAN HEALTH CENTER																	
*AGE AS OF REPORT DATE																			
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REG LOC	HRN	NAME	DEC	BIRTH DATE	SEX	AGE*	BEN	MCR	MCD	PVT	VET	CHS	RESIDENCE	VET Y/N	DATE OF LAST UPD	EMPL STATUS	BILL VISIT	UNBILI	VISIT
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CL	XXXX	DEMO,PATIENT SEVEN		12/20/20XX	F	16	1		A			С	CLINTON	N	1/16/2019		5		2
CL	XXXX	DEMO,PATIENT EIGHT		9/26/20XX	M	16	1		T			С	ELK CITY		7/29/2019	FULL-TIME	1		2



Utilizing Reports

ERP-Summary Example:

ERROR NUMBER		total # Patient	of w/Error
005 006 035	Medicare Secondary Payer expired Patient's address incomplete Mother's or Father's Employer Information Missing for		141 8 1
043 049 050 051	Patient's Household Income Period incomplete Patient's Preferred Language incomplete or not in pat Patient's Primary Language, Proficiency or Interprete Patient's Ethnicity/Method of Collection incomplete		1 12 32 8

WARNING NUMBER	ERROR LIST	total # Patient	of w/Erro
001	Assignment of Benefits Missing		59
002	Employer Information Incomplete		73
003	AOB expired (past one year) or AOB comes before eligib)	184
004	Medicare Secondary Payer information missing		15
008	Patient's marital status incomplete		3
011	Policy is designated as being supplemental to Medicare	2	28
013	Release of Information is missing		64
014	Release of Information Expired past 1 year		181
015	Emergency contact information incomplete		11
017	Coverage Type(s) not defined for the policy (#)		713
021	Group number/Plan Number incomplete		197
034	Patient has an open case with the Benefits Coordinator	•	115



Sequencing Insurance

Alerts staff to which payer is primary and what benefits are billable under the patient's plan

- Registration
- Billing
- Accounts Receivable (AR)
- PRC (keys required)

Reduces Billing errors

- By reducing the time the biller spends on each claim
- If the patient has multiple coverages, tells the biller which PI to send the claim to first

Reduces re-work by AR staff

- By reducing the number of claims that must be researched for the primary payer
- In general, reduces the \$\$\$\$ in AR



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