



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Date: October 11, 2019

To: All hospitals reporting UB-04 patient data to the State

Re: Improvement of data collection for Health Plan Identification
Primary, Secondary and Tertiary fields (FL 51a, 51b, 51c)

It has been discovered these fields have been reported with all 9's by many facilities. In an effort to obtain viable data for all fields the Department requests that true and accurate information be used.

This field contains the number used by the health care plan for the patients insurance. Please report the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) identifier or the legacy/proprietary number as defined in trading partner agreements. For insurance codes 'O'(other), 'P'(self-pay) or 'Z'(indigent/free) this field may be left blank. *Blanks or 9's for any other payer will be considered an error.*

The Department ask that all hospitals reporting UB04 data to the state begin submitting more viable data for this field by or before first quarter 2020 data which will be due May 30, 2020.

If you have any questions please contact us at Healthcare.Statistics@tn.gov. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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