



## HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

There is some very important information at the bottom of the **Inpatient Error Summary** and the **Outpatient Error Summary** reports that HIDI creates each time hospital data is processed. The first item below has been on these reports for several years but items 2 and 3 are new.

### 1. PERCENT OF RECORDS WITH TENNCARE AS PRIMARY PAYER

This information is important because if your hospital sees TennCare patients this information should allow you to determine if your data reported by payer looks reasonable for your facility. We added this information to the reports several years ago when we discovered that some hospitals that see a lot of TennCare patients weren't reporting any TennCare payer codes on their records. Look at this information and make sure the percentage looks reasonable for your facility.

2. **PERCENT OF TENNCARE RECORDS WITH 'T' AS PRIMARY PAYER** This information indicates the percent of TennCare records that have payer code 'T' (TennCare, NOS) reported in the records *rather than* one of the specific TennCare payer codes. Because the Department believes that you should be able to report the specific TennCare payer code rather than the *not otherwise specified* code, the Department is setting a 10% limit on the percent of inpatient and outpatient records that can be reported with payer code T.

3. **PERCENT OF RECORDS WITH 'O' AS PRIMARY PAYER** This information indicates the percent of records that have payer code 'O' (Other, unknown payer) reported in the records *rather than* one of the specific payer codes. Some hospitals are using this vague payer code to report self-pay or charity care and this is not a good practice. If the State provides funds to hospitals based on the volume of self-pay or charity care provided, the use of payer code 'O' would not allow your hospital to receive these funds. To be considered for these funds you must use the self-pay (code P) or indigent/charity care (code Z) payer codes for these types of discharges. The Department is also setting a 10% limit on the percent of inpatient and outpatient records that can be reported with payer code O.

Each hospital should look at these figures in the next two quarterly submissions (Q3 08 and Q4 08 data) to ensure your rates for the use of payer codes 'T' and 'O' are not above 10%. If the rates are above 10% you should work to reduce the use of these payer codes. Starting with January 2009 discharges, if these rates are more than 10%, your quarterly data will not be acceptable.

The attached page shows where this information is on the HIDI reports. Look at the information at the bottom of the attached report. This hospital would need to address the overuse of the payer code 'T' in the data since 84% of their inpatient TennCare records were reported with payer code 'T'.

# TENNESSEE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

440 - [REDACTED] HOSPITAL

INPATIENT ERROR SUMMARY REPORT  
DISCHARGE PERIOD FROM 04/01/2008 TO 06/30/2008

ERROR #	FW	ERROR MESSAGE	ERROR COUNT	ERROR RATE	EDIT STATUS
2607	F	Attending Phy Prof Code + TN Lic Nbr invalid format	2	0.73%	ACTIVE
2708	F	Operating Phy Prof Code + TN Lic Nbr invalid format	2	0.73%	ACTIVE
5304	F	Other Phy1 Prof Code + TN Lic Nbr invalid format	2	0.73%	ACTIVE
1304	W	Other diagnosis present on admission is missing	6	2.19%	ACTIVE
1308	W	POA reported, but other DX is exempt	14	5.11%	ACTIVE
1615	W	Open biopsy procedure was specified for other procedure, please verify	1	0.36%	ACTIVE
2609	W	Attending Phy Prof Code + TN Lic Nbr valid format, but not found < 30%	34	12.41%	ACTIVE
2705	W	Prin proc, but no operating Phy UPIN/NPI	115	41.97%	ACTIVE
2706	W	Prin proc, but no operating Phy Prof Code + TN Lic Nbr	115	41.97%	ACTIVE
3709	W	No accommodation revenue code for Inpatient	2	0.73%	ACTIVE
5306	W	Other Phy1 Prof Code + TN Lic Nbr valid format, but not found < 30%	6	2.19%	ACTIVE
6301	W	Hospital NPI is missing	266	97.08%	ACTIVE
6504	W	Primary Patient Relationship to insured is invalid	5	1.82%	ACTIVE
6701	W	Primary Insurance Group number is missing	180	65.69%	ACTIVE
6801	W	Primary insured's employer Name is missing	23	8.39%	ACTIVE
8401	W	Non covered charges do not add up to total non covered charges	180	65.69%	ACTIVE

NUMBER OF RECORDS WITH FATAL ERRORS	2	0.73%
NUMBER OF RECORDS WITH WARNING ERRORS	272	99.27%
NUMBER OF RECORDS PASSING ALL EDITS	0	0.00%
TOTAL RECORDS EDITED	274	
TOTAL INPATIENT RECORDS	274	
TOTAL EMERGENCY ROOM RECORDS	182	
TOTAL OBSERVATION RECORDS	42	
TOTAL AMBULATORY SURGERY RECORDS	0	
TOTAL LITHOTRIPSY RECORDS	0	
TOTAL PET SCAN RECORDS	0	
TOTAL MRI/MRA SCAN RECORDS	0	
TOTAL MEGAVOLTAGE RECORDS	3	
TOTAL CT SCAN RECORDS	0	
TOTAL CODES RECORD RECORDS	88	
TOTAL RECORDS WITH INJURY/POISONING DIAGNOSIS	12	
TOTAL RECORDS WITH PROCEDURE CODES	38	
TOTAL RECORDS WITH TENNESSEE ZIP CODE	117	
*** TOTAL NON-REQUIRED RECORDS DROPPED - NOT EDITED	272	
AVERAGE LOS	0	
	4.95	

**PERCENT OF RECORDS WITH TENNCARE AS PRIMARY PAYER 9.12%**  
**PERCENT OF TENNCARE RECORDS WITH 'T' AS PRIMARY PAYER 84.00%**  
**PERCENT OF RECORDS WITH 'O' AS PRIMARY PAYER 0.00%**

