

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES



PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

7 AAC 12. Hospital and Other Health Facility Discharge Data.



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COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: April 18, 2014
Please see public notice for details about how to
comment on these proposed changes.

Notes to reader:

1. Except as discussed in note 2, proposed new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.
2. If the lead-in line states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, or clause is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, etc. is being repealed and readopted (replaced), the new (or replaced) text is not bolded or underlined.
3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is proposed to be deleted.
4. When the word “including” is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means “including, but not limited to.”

7 AAC 12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 AAC 12.185. Reporting of discharge data. (a) The following entities shall submit to the department, or to a department contractor, discharge data for all discharges from inpatient services, emergency department services, and outpatient services:

(1) a hospital and ambulatory surgical center required to be licensed under AS 47.32 and this chapter, and a hospital and ambulatory surgical center that submits claims for reimbursement under 7 AAC 105 – 160; and

(2) any other “health care facility”, as defined in AS 18.07.111(8); this term excludes

(A) tuberculosis hospitals;

(B) kidney disease treatment centers;

(C) the Alaska Pioneers’ Home and the Alaska Veterans’ Home administered by the Department of Health and Social Services under AS 47.55; and

(D) the offices of private physicians or dentists whether in an individual or group practice.

(b) Discharge data shall be submitted in a format and include data elements based on National Uniform Billing Data Element Specifications, as designated by the department, and shall be submitted at least quarterly within 60 days of the end of each calendar quarter.

(c) The department may issue sanctions against a facility that submits claims for reimbursement under 7 AAC 105 – 160 for failure to submit discharge data under this section.

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Authority: AS 18.15.355 AS 18.15.360 AS 18.15.395

Editor's note: Information regarding the National Uniform Billing Data Element Specifications referenced in 7 AAC 12.185 may be obtained from the American Hospital Association, One North Franklin, Chicago, Illinois 60606.