SOURCE OF ADMISSION  

(a) Effective with discharges on or after January 1, 2017, in order to describe the patient’s source of admission, it is necessary to address two aspects of the source: first, the point of patient origin for this admission; and second, the route by which the patient was admitted. One alternative shall be selected from the list following each aspect:

(1) The point of patient origin. Use the appropriate code from the list below:

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DISCUSSION

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DISCUSSION

Includes:

- patients coming from home or workplace and patients receiving care at home (such as home health services)*
- patients admitted from an outpatient drug or alcohol treatment program, whether or not health care services are provided*
- patients from Residential Care Facilities that are not health care facilities (For healthcare facilities, see 5 and 6 below)*
- Group Homes and Foster Homes*
- homeless patients*
2 Clinic or Physician’s Office

In order to be included in this category, the patient must have come directly from the office or clinic.

Includes:
- patients admitted from an Urgent Care clinic within a hospital (yours or another facility’s)*
- a free standing medical clinic *
- other type of clinic or physician’s office*

4 Transfer from a Hospital (Different Facility)

DISCUSSION

Includes patients admitted from another acute care facility’s ED or other outpatient programs
Excludes transfers from hospital inpatient within the same facility (see code D).*

5 Transfer from a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Intermediate Care Facility (ICF), or Assisted Living Facility (ALF)

DISCUSSION

Includes:
- patients admitted from a licensed SNF, ICF, ALF or other nursing facility where he or she was a resident and receiving healthcare*

This category does not include Residential Care that is not licensed as an ALF or does not provide health care. See codes 1 and 6

6 Transfer from another Health Care Facility

DISCUSSION

In order to be included in this category, the facility must provide health care.
Includes:
- Patients from another type of health care facility not defined elsewhere in this list*
- Residential Care setting that provides health care but is not licensed as an ALF*
- Patients from a drug or alcohol treatment (health care) facility that is not a hospital, SNF, ICF or ALF*

8  Court/Law Enforcement

DISCUSSION

Includes patients who:*  
- are under arrest  
- are incarcerated  
- are ordered by a court judge to present to your facility  
- are admitted upon the request of a law enforcement agency representative  
- present from a correctional hospital or medical clinic

This category does not include patients that are simply transported by law enforcement.*

9  Information Not Available

DISCUSSION

The patient’s point of origin is not known.*

D  Transfer from One Distinct Unit of the Hospital to another Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital Resulting in a Separate Claim to the Payer

DISCUSSION

Please refer to OSHPD’s definition of a discharge to determine if a discharge took place when transferring within your facility. Not all claims will qualify as a discharge per OSHPD’s definition.

E  Transfer from Ambulatory Surgery Center

DISCUSSION

This category does not include patients admitted from a hospital-based ambulatory surgery unit.*

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For patients admitted from your facility’s AS, the point of origin would be dependent on where the patient came from before presenting to your facility’s AS.*

**F  Transfer from a Hospice Facility**

This category only includes patients coming from facility-based hospice. This category does not include hospice patients that are in your facility and occupying a bed on your hospital license. See definition of a discharge on page 7A.

**Code  Point of Origin for patients with Type of Admission “Newborn”**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Any person should only have Type of Admission “Newborn” once in their lifetime and it pertains to initial care. A first hospital encounter is not necessarily for initial care.*

In cases of a baby transferring from one hospital to another, code 4 should be used.

**5  Born Inside this Hospital**

**DISCUSSION**

Use this code when an infant is born anywhere inside your hospital which could include your ED, elevators, lobbies, waiting rooms, etc. *

**6  Born Outside of this Hospital**

**DISCUSSION**

Use this code when an infant is born anywhere outside of a hospital and then brought directly to a hospital for initial care. This could include a baby born in a car, an ambulance, or at home. *
(2) Route of admission.

(A) Your Emergency Department. Any patient admitted as an inpatient after being treated or examined in this hospital’s emergency department.

DISCUSSION

Patients who are transferred from another facility’s ED to your ED before becoming an inpatient should be reported as (1).

(B) Another Emergency Department. Any patient directly admitted as an inpatient after being transferred from another hospital’s emergency department.

DISCUSSION

Only patients directly admitted from another facility’s ED should be reported as (2).

(C) Not admitted from an Emergency Department.
EXAMPLES OF SOURCE OF ADMISSION (SOA) FOR DISCHARGES
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INFANT BORN AT HOME

1. Alex was born at home. Alex and his mother were taken immediately by ambulance
to your hospital and admitted.

Q. What was Alex’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Alex’s Point of Origin would be Born Outside of this Hospital and the Route would
be Not admitted from an ED.

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INFANT BORN IN YOUR ER

2. Sue was born in the ER at your hospital before her mother is admitted. Sue was
admitted to the nursery.

Q. What was Sue’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Sue’s Point of Origin would be Born Inside this Hospital and the Route would be
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INFANT BORN IN OTHER ER

3. Carol was born in the ER of Hospital A which does not have a perinatal unit. Carol was transferred to your hospital and admitted directly to the nursery.

Q. What was Carol’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Carol’s Point of Origin would be Hospital (Different Facility) and the Route would be Another ED.

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INFANT BORN EN ROUTE BEFORE ADMISSION

4. Nathan was born in his parents’ car on the way to the hospital. He was seen in your ER and admitted.

Q. What was Nathan’s SOA at your hospital?

A. Nathan’s Point of Origin would be Born Outside of this Hospital and the Route would be Your ED.

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INFANT BORN IN BIRTHING CENTER

5. George was born at an Alternate Birthing Center. He was seen in your ER and admitted.

Q. What was George’s SOA at your hospital?

A. George’s **Point of Origin** would be *Another Health Care Facility* and the **Route** would be *Your ED*.

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SKILLED NURSING - FREESTANDING

6. June was a patient in a nearby freestanding skilled nursing facility. She complains of abdominal pain. She was taken to your hospital, examined in the ER, and admitted to acute care.

Q. What was June’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. June’s **Point of Origin** would be *SNF, ICF or ALF* and the **Route** would be *Your ED*.

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SKILLED NURSING – YOUR HOSPITAL

7. Julie was an inpatient in the skilled nursing of your hospital. She complains of pain and was transferred to acute care at your hospital.

Q. What was Julie’s Source of Admission for her acute care record at your hospital?

A. Julie’s Point of Origin would be One Distinct Unit to another Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital and the Route would be Not admitted from an ED.

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SKILLED NURSING – CONSOLIDATED, ONE REPORT

A CONSOLIDATED HOSPITAL that submits ONE REPORT with one Facility Identification Number:

8. Isabel was an inpatient in skilled nursing at your hospital. She was transferred to acute care at your hospital.

Q. What was Isabel’s Source of Admission for her acute care record at your hospital?

A. Isabel’s Point of Origin would be One Distinct Unit to another Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital and the Route would be Not admitted from an ED.

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9. Shantelle had outpatient surgery at a free-standing licensed Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) and returned home. Later she arrived in your ER and was admitted.

Q. What was Shantelle’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Shantelle’s Point of Origin would be Non-Health Care Facility and the Route would be Your ED.

The prior visit to the ASC would not be reported on the inpatient record at your hospital.

10. Ray fell while at the grocery store and was taken to your ER and is admitted as an inpatient.

Q. What was Ray’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Ray’s Point of Origin would be Non-Health Care Facility and the Route would be Your ED.
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AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER

11. During Chelsea’s surgery at a freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center, complications developed. She was transported to the ER of your hospital, and was admitted.

Q. What was Chelsea’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Chelsea’s Point of Origin would be Ambulatory Surgery Center and the Route would be Your ED.

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OTHER HOSPITAL’S AMBULATORY SURGERY

12. During surgery at Hospital A’s licensed Ambulatory Surgery facility, Sara had an adverse reaction and was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at your hospital.

Q. What was Sara’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Sara’s Point of Origin would be Hospital (Different Facility) and the Route would be Not admitted from an ED.

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OTHER HOSPITAL’S EMERGENCY ROOM

13. Jane arrives at Hospital A and was seen in the ER. She was referred to your hospital, was seen in Your ER, and admitted.

Q. What was Jane’s Source of Admission at your hospital?
A. Jane’s Point of Origin would be Hospital (Different Facility) and the Route would be Your ED.

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ACUTE INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

14. Jacob, an inpatient in your acute care, was transferred to the skilled nursing distinct part of your hospital.

Q. What was the Source of Admission on Jacob’s skilled nursing record at your hospital?
A. Jacob’s Point of Origin would be One Distinct Unit to another Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital and the Route would be Not admitted from an ED.

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REHABILITATION HOSPITAL CARE

15. Sally was receiving inpatient physical rehabilitation care in your hospital. She is transferred to acute care at your hospital.

Q. What was the Source of Admission on Sally’s acute care record at your hospital?

A. Sally’s **Point of Origin** would be **One Distinct Unit to another Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital** and the **Route** would be **Not admitted from an ED**.

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16. Jack was receiving inpatient psychiatric care at your hospital. He was transferred to acute care at your hospital.

Q. What was the Source of Admission on Jack’s acute care record at your hospital?

A. Jack’s **Point of Origin** would be **One Distinct Unit to another Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital** and the **Route** would be **Not admitted from an ED**.

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EXAMPLES OF SOURCE OF ADMISSION (SOA) FOR DISCHARGES ON or AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017

17. An acute inpatient psychiatric hospital transferred Ralph to your hospital where he was directly admitted to acute care.

Q. What was the Source of Admission on Ralph’s acute care record at your hospital?

A. Ralph’s **Point of Origin** would be *Hospital (Different Facility)* and the **Route** would be *Not Admitted from an ED*.

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18. Frank was directly admitted to your hospital for psychiatric treatment after being seen in another facility’s ED.

Q. What was Frank’s Source of Admission at your hospital?

A. Frank’s **Point of Origin** would be *Hospital (Different Facility)* and the **Route** would be *Another ED*.

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