

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND
AMBULATORY SURGERY PATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL, FIFTH EDITION**

PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS

Section 97258

(a) For encounters occurring on and after October 1, 2015: The patient's principal diagnosis, defined as the condition, problem, or other reason established to be the chief cause of the encounter for care, shall be coded according to the ICD-10-CM.

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for encounters occurring on and after October 1, 2015:

PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS					
ICD-10-CM CODE					

Reporting Requirements:

- A principal diagnosis must be reported for every encounter record.
- Fill from the left-most position and do not skip fields.
- Diagnoses shall be coded according to the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modifications (ICD-10-CM).
- Duplicate diagnosis codes will not be accepted on the same encounter data record.
- Conditions should be coded that affect patient care in terms of requiring:
 - Clinical evaluation
 - Therapeutic treatment
 - Procedures
 - Increased nursing care and/or monitoring

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- The following coding systems are not accepted by OSHPD:
 - SNODO
 - DSM-IV
 - Morphology