

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

SERVICE DATE

Section 97257

(a) For online transmission of data reports as electronic data files, the patient's service date shall be reported in numeric form as follows: the 4-digit year, the 2-digit month, and the 2-digit day. The numeric form for days and months from 1 to 9 must have a zero as the first digit.

(b) For online entry of individual records, the patient's service date shall be reported in numeric form as follows: the 2-digit month, the 2-digit day, and the 4-digit year. The numeric form for days and months from 1 to 9 must have a zero as the first digit.

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records for encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2017:

SERVICE DATE							
<i>Month</i>		<i>Day</i>		<i>Year (4-digit)</i>			

Critical Data Element: If the reported service date is blank or invalid (such as February 31) and is not corrected by the facility after it is identified by OSHPD as an error, **the entire encounter data record will be deleted.**

Reporting Requirements:

- The actual date of service must be reported.
- The Service Date is the start of care date, also known as "From Date" or "Begin Date".
- If the patient received service on May 3, 2004, the reported value would be:

Electronic Data File	Record Entry Form
20040503	05032004

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For all observation services provided to an outpatient who was diagnosed and treated for emergency care and/or ambulatory surgery, the service date is the start of care date provided in the emergency department or ambulatory surgery, whichever occurred first.