

OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CALIFORNIA INPATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL, EIGHTH EDITION

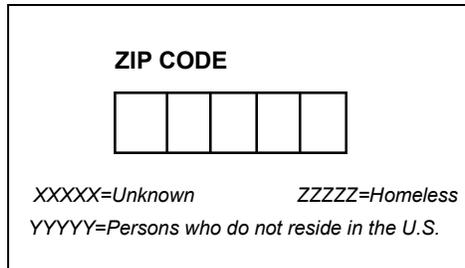
ZIP CODE

Section 97219

Effective with discharges on or after January 1, 2019, the “ZIP code,” a unique code assigned to a specific geographic area by the U.S. Postal Service, for the patient’s usual residence shall be reported for each patient discharge. If the patient has a 9-digit ZIP code, only the first five digits shall be reported.

- (1) If the City of Residence is known, but not the street address, report the first three digits of the ZIP code, and the last two digits as zeros.**
- (2) Unknown ZIP Codes shall be reported as “XXXXX.”**
- (3) ZIP Codes for persons who do not reside in the U.S. shall be reported as “YYYYY.”**
- (4) ZIP codes for persons who are “homeless” (patients who at admission lack a residence) shall be reported as “ZZZZZ.”**

DISCUSSION



Reporting Requirements:

- The ZIP code of the usual residence of the patient must be reported.
- Report visitors from a foreign country as YYYYY.
- Report an unknown residence as XXXXX.
- Report homeless persons as ZZZZZ.
- Do not report the ZIP code of the hospital, third party payer, or billing address if it is different from the usual residence of the patient.
- ZIP codes may be verified by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).
- The web address for the United States Postal Service is www.USPS.com.