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To: Maryland Hospital Chief Financial Officers
Case Mix Liaisons

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Re: Adoption of UB Source of Admission and Patient Disposition Codes for
Designated Disaster Alternative Care Site and Submission of FY 2021
Q1 Data

This memo is to notify the Maryland Hospital industry of the HSCRC's intent to adopt the AHA's National Uniform Billing (UB) Committee's Source of Admission and Patient Disposition Codes for Designated Disaster Alternative Care Sites, effective July 1, 2020 (FY 2021). Additionally, the HSCRC is requiring hospitals to correct in the Data the Source of Admission and Discharge Disposition codes for Outpatient visits and Inpatient or Psychiatric discharges impacted by the addition of these codes. These revisions must be implemented by the FY 2021 Q1 Final submission (due November 30, 2020).

Background

In April 2020, the HSCRC released guidance for regulated Maryland hospitals to use the Reserve Flag "A" to capture visits where services were provided in an Alternative Care Site, defined as "a building or structure that is not located on the hospital campus that is being used to provide clinical services during the COVID-19 emergency." This includes discharges and visits from the Baltimore Convention Center and the inpatient beds at Laurel Medical Center.

In May 2020, the AHA's National Uniform Billing Committee added a new Point of Origin (POO) code to capture transfers from a Designated Disaster Alternative Care Site, in response to the COVID emergency. This also fixes an earlier issue where there was no corresponding Point of Origin Code for the existing Patient Discharge Status for Discharge/Transfer to a Designated Disaster Alternative Care Site.

Adoption of New Codes Effective July 1, 2020

To reduce reporting burden, the HSCRC has mimicked the UB codes for source of admission and discharge disposition as much as possible. The following codes will be added to the FY 2021 Data Submission Requirements (DSR) for Inpatient, Outpatient and Psychiatric Data.

New Point of Origin (Source of Admission) Code:

**G = TRANSFER FROM A DESIGNATED DISASTER ALTERNATE
CARE SITE**

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New Patient Discharge Disposition:

69 = DISCHARGED/TRANSFERRED TO A DESIGNATED DISASTER ALTERNATE CARE SITE

The Reserve Flag “A” will be discontinued in the Inpatient, Outpatient and Psychiatric FY 2021 DSRs. It is still a valid code for FY 2020.

The FY 2021 DSR sent with this memo has been updated with these changes. The FY2021 DSR is also available on the HSCRC website at https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/hsp_info1.aspx.

Submission of FY 2021 Q1 Final Data

To ensure consistent reporting of the Designated Disaster Alternative Care Site, **the HSCRC is requiring hospitals to use the correct Source of Admission or Patient Disposition codes in the FY 2021 Final Inpatient, Outpatient, and Psychiatric data submission, due on November 30, 2020.** Hospitals that reported an “A” for the Reserve Flag or transferred patients to Alternative Care Sites such as the Baltimore Convention Center or Laurel’s Inpatient Facility should use the new Source of Admission or Patient Disposition codes.

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