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**TO:** Acute Care General, Comprehensive Rehabilitation, Special and Private Psychiatric Hospitals – **For Action**  
Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** Patient Discharge Status Codes

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2023

**PURPOSE:** To notify providers of the expanded Gainwell Technologies reporting capability for additional National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) patient discharge status codes.

**BACKGROUND:** The NUBC developed a single billing form and standard data set to be used nationally by institutional, private and public providers and payers for health care claims. The NUBC, per its voting membership, has expanded the UB-04 data set reporting requirements to include pertinent information about patient services, clinical basis for treatment and related events surrounding care and discharge disposition.

**ACTION:** To ensure NUBC reporting compliance and correct billing practices, hospitals will be required to report the following patient discharge status codes on the UB-04 in Form Locator 17. Of note, the DMAHS Office of Reimbursement has advised using Code 70 for substance abuse rehabilitation and Code 81 for providers participating in the Hospital at Home program.

Patient Discharge Status Codes:

01	Discharged to home or self-care (routine discharge)
02	Discharged/transferred to a short-term general hospital for inpatient care
03	Discharges/transferred to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) with Medicare certification
04	Discharged/transferred to a facility that provides custodial or supportive care
05	Discharged/transferred to a designated cancer center or children's hospital
06	Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization in anticipation of covered skilled care

07	Left against medical advice or discontinued care
08	Reserved for national assignment
09	Admitted as an inpatient to this hospital
10-19	Reserved for national assignment
20	Expired
21	Discharged/transferred to court/law enforcement
22-29	Reserved for national assignment
30	Still patient
31-30	Reserved for national assignment
40	Expired at home (for Hospice care only)
41	Expired in a medical facility (e.g., hospital, SNF, ICF, or free-standing hospice) (for hospice care only)
42	Expired, place unknown (for hospice care only)
43	Discharged/transferred to a federal health care facility
44-49	Reserved for national assignment
50	Hospice – home
51	Hospice – medical facility (certified) providing hospice level of care
52-60	Reserved for national assignment
61	Discharged/transferred to a hospital-based Medicare approved swing bed
62	Discharged/transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) including rehabilitation distinct part units of a hospital
63	Discharged/transferred to a Medicare certified long term care (LTCH)
64	Discharged/transferred to a nursing facility certified under Medicaid but not certified under Medicare
65	Discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital
66	Discharged/transferred to a critical access hospital (CAH)
67	Reserved for national assignment
68	Reserved for national assignment
69	Discharged/transferred to a designated disaster alternate care site (effective 10/1/13)
70	Discharged/transferred to another type of health care institution not defined elsewhere in this code list (e.g., substance abuse rehabilitation)
71	Discontinued 4/1/03
72	Discontinued 4/1/03
73-80	Reserved for national assignment
81	Discharged to home or self-care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13) (e.g., hospital at home)
82	Discharged/transferred to a short-term general hospital for inpatient care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
83	Discharged/transferred to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) with Medicare certification with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)

84	Discharged/transferred to a facility that provides custodial or supportive care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
85	Discharged/transferred to a designated cancer center or children's hospital with a planned inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
86	Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization in anticipation of covered skilled care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
87	Discharged/transferred to court/law enforcement with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
88	Discharged/transferred to a federal health care facility with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
89	Discharged/transferred to a hospital-based Medicare approved swing bed with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
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95	Discharged/transferred to another type of health care institution not defined elsewhere in this code list with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission (effective 10/1/13)
96-99	Reserved for national assignment

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