



CO APCD Tips and Tricks

Present on Admission Code (POA_Cd) in the Medical_Claims_Dx table

Subject: Present on Admission Code (POA_Cd) in the Medical_Claims_Dx table

Description: POA_Cd indicating the presence of diagnosis at the time of admission

DSG 12 Values:

I = Exempt from POA reporting

N = Diagnosis was not present at time of inpatient admission

U = Documentation insufficient to determine if condition was present at time of inpatient admission

W = Clinically undetermined

Y = Diagnosis was present at time of inpatient admission

Invalid Codes: *Some records have POA_Cd values (e.g. POA_Cd = "0", "M", "66", etc.) that are not listed in Table B.1.G in DSG.*

The POA_Cd values of "0", "M", "66" are present in the data but not valid codes according to the current CO APCD Data Submission Guide (DSG).

Because POA_Cd is specific to admissions, it applies to inpatient claims only. Applying a filter of Claim_Type_Cd=I (inpatient claims) from the Medical_Claims_Header table and joining to the Medical_Claims_Dx table by Claim_Id, CIVHC determined that a very small number of inpatient claims have invalid POA_Cd values, primarily in older data. These claims include POA_Cd "M", "53", and "0". POA_Cd 66 is not found on any inpatient claims. The CIVHC recommendation is to exclude these claims from any analysis relying on the specific question of whether or not the diagnosis was present at the time of inpatient admission.
