

## REFERENCE SHEET FOR DISCHARGE DISPOSITION CODES FOR INPATIENT DISCHARGES

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(Note: See NUBC UB-92 Manual for official full code descriptions and definitions. This reference sheet is intended as a shortened reference only, does not always include all actual NUBC language and is not an authoritative source of advice. All references to effects on pay to hospitals are for Medicare patients only.)

- 01 Home or self care. No effect on pay to the discharging hospital. Includes home on oxygen if DME only, any other DME only, foster care, jail, partial hospitalization, residential care, group homes, and is a general default if no other code category fits.
- 02 A short-term general hospital for inpatient care. Reduces pay to discharging hospital for almost all DRGs.
- 03 SNF with Medicare and Medicaid certification in anticipation of covered skilled care. Reduces pay to hospital for selected DRGs. (See also 04, 61 and 64)
- 04 Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). No effect on pay to hospital. ICF's are state designated and licensed facilities that care for the developmentally disabled:
- Grand Junction Regional Center – Grand Junction (operated by Colorado Dept of Human Services)
  - Kipling Village/Wheat Ridge Regional Center – WheatRidge (operated by Colorado Dept of Human Services)
  - Good Shepherd Lutheran Home of the West – Littleton (private, non-profit organization operates 4 houses in Littleton: Delaware House, Caley House, Sherman House, and Wellington House)
- 04 is also used for stated designated assisted living facilities (ALF) without SNF or home care. If SNF services are provided within the ALF, use the SNF rules for 03, 04 and 64. If home care services are provided within the ALF, use 06.
- 04 is also used to designate patients that are discharged/transferred to a nursing facility with neither Medicare nor Medicaid certification. See CHA "Facility Guide to Patient Status Codes for Nursing Homes."
- 05 To another type of institution not defined elsewhere in this code list, such as non-Medicare PPS children's hospitals or non-Medicare PPS cancer hospitals (effective 2/23/05). This definition has been changed yet again as of 2/23/05, and is even less clear than it used to be.
- Reduces pay to hospitals for selected DRGs. **INCLUDES** children's hospitals, cancer hospitals, hospitals within hospitals. **EXCLUDES** federal hospitals (43), inpatient rehab (62), long-term care hospitals (63), SNFs (03, 04, 61, 64), and psychiatric hospitals.
- 06 Home health service organization in anticipation of covered skilled care. Reduces pay to hospital for selected DRGs. Must (1) be specified in written plan of care, (2) relate to the inpatient stay, and (3) commence within three days of discharge from inpatient stay. If DME only, code 01. If not related to inpatient stay, append condition code 42. If not commenced within 3 days of discharge, append condition code 43.
- 07 Left Against Medical Advice or Discontinued Care. No effect on pay to discharging hospital. (But if the patient is admitted to another hospital on the same day the patient leaves AMA, CMS will retroactively change the discharge disposition to 02 and potentially reduce pay to hospitals for selected DRGs.)
- 08 Home IV. No effect on pay to the discharging hospital. This code is DISCONTINUED effective 10/1/05.
- 20 Expired. Used for inpatient claims. No effect on pay to discharging hospital.
- 30 Still a patient. Used for leave of absences, interim bills.
- 40 - 42 Expired at home, in a medical facility, at a place unknown. For Medicare and Champus, these are only used to bill for hospice claims, never inpatient claims.

43 Federal health care facility. (effective 10/1/03). VA and Department of Defense Hospitals, VA nursing homes. If the patient lives at the VA, still use 43 and not 01. No effect on pay to the discharging hospital. Changed in May 2004 to specifically **include** VA nursing homes. The definition "Federal hospital" was changed to "Federal health care facility."

VA Hospital, Denver	US Air Force Academy Hospital, Colorado Springs
VA Hospital, Grand Junction	US Army Hospital at Fort Carson
VA Hospital, Ft. Lyon	VA Nursing Homes

50 Hospice care; patient to live at home. No effect on pay to the discharging hospital.

51 Hospice care; patient to live at the hospice facility. No effect on pay to the discharging hospital.

61 Discharged/transferred to a hospital-based Medicare-approved swing bed, at this or another institution. No effect on pay to the discharging hospital.

62 **Inpatient** rehab facility (IRF), either this hospital's or another hospital's, including rehab distinct part units. (Effective retroactive to 1/1/02) Reduces pay to hospitals for selected DRGs.

HOSPITALS:	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Colorado Springs Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital, Aurora
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UNITS WITHIN HOSPITALS:

Boulder:	Mapleton Center, Boulder Community Hospital
Colorado Springs:	Penrose Hospital Memorial Hospital
Denver area:	Porter Adventist St. Anthony Central Denver Health Spalding Rehab at Pres/St. Luke's Spalding Rehab at Rose Medical Center Swedish Medical Center University of Colorado Hospital
Ft. Morgan:	Colorado Plains Medical Center
Ft. Collins:	Poudre Valley Hospital
Glenwood Springs:	Valley View Hospital
Grand Junction:	St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center
Greeley:	North Colorado Medical Center
Loveland:	McKee Medical Center
Pueblo:	St. Mary Corwin Parkview Medical Center
Thornton:	North Suburban Medical Center

63 Medicare Certified Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH or LTAC). (Effective 5/9/02) Reduces pay to hospitals for selected DRGs.

Colorado Mental Health Institute, Pueblo (LTC unit within facility)	North Valley Rehabilitation Hospital, Thornton (LTC unit within facility) SCCI Hospital, Aurora
Craig Hospital, Englewood	Selected Specialty Hospital, at Pres/St. Luke's, Denver
Kindred Hospital, Denver	Selected Specialty Hospital, at Porter Adventist, Denver
Lifecare Hospitals, Denver	SemperCare Hospital, Colorado Springs

64 Nursing facility certified under Medicaid but not certified under Medicare. (Effective 10/1/02) No effect on pay to the discharging hospital.

65 Psychiatric Hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital. (Effective 4/1/04) Reduces pay to hospitals for selected DRGs.

\*\*Please note that discharges to psychiatry at Presbyterian-St. Luke's should be coded to 02 and not to 65.\*\*

HOSPITALS: Cedar Springs, Colorado Springs  
Centennial Peaks Hospital, Louisville  
Colorado Mental Health Institute at Ft. Logan  
Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo-Forensic  
Devereux Cleo Wallace, Westminster

UNITS WITHIN HOSPITALS:

Boulder: Mapleton Center, Boulder Community Hospital  
Colorado Springs: Penrose Hospital  
Denver area: Medical Center of Aurora  
Porter Adventist  
St. Anthony Central  
Denver Health  
Lutheran Medical Center – West Pines  
University of Colorado Hospital  
North Valley Rehabilitation Hospital, Thornton  
Ft. Collins: Poudre Valley  
Grand Junction: St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center  
Greeley: North Colorado Medical Center  
Longmont: Longmont United Hospital  
Pueblo: St. Mary Corwin  
Parkview Medical Center  
Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo

66 Critical Access Hospital (CAH), effective 1/1/06. No effect on pay to the discharging hospital.

CAHs are limited service hospitals located in rural areas. They provide 24-hour emergency care services, have an average length of stay of 96 hours or less and are located more than 35 miles from a hospital or another CAH or more than 15 miles in areas with mountainous terrain or only secondary roads OR are certified by the state as being a "necessary provider" of healthcare services to residents in the area. CAH's are excluded from inpatient and outpatient prospective payment systems and are paid on a cost-plus basis. CAHs in Colorado include:

Conejos County Hospital, La Jara	Mt. San Rafael Hospital, Trinidad
East Morgan County Hospital, Brush	Rangely District Hospital, Rangely
Estes Park Medical Center, Estes Park	Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte
Family Health West Hospital, Fruita	Sedgwick County Memorial Hospital, Julesburg
Grand River Medical Center, Rifle	Southeast Colorado Hospital, Springfield
Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison	Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center, Walsenburg
Haxtun Hospital District, Haxtun	St. Vincent General Hospital District, Leadville
Heart of the Rockies Reg. Med. Ctr., Salida	The Memorial Hospital, Craig
Kit Carson County Memorial Hosp., Kit Carson	Wesibrod Memorial County Hospital, Eads
Kremmling Memorial Hospital, Kremmling	Wray Community District Hospital, Wray
Lincoln Community Hospital, Hugo	Yuma District Hospital, Yuma
Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke	

71 and 72 To institutions for outpatient services. Discontinued effective 4/1/03. Now reserved for national assignment.