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RE: Implementation Notes for HL7 V2.x Users

The US National Universal Billing Committee published new codes in July, 2007, subsequent to the final ballot of the HL7 V2.6 Standard. This impacts users who send v2x messages containing the PV1 Patient Visit segment.

To align with the latest UB publication, the following new coding systems have been added to HL7 table 0396:

- UB04FL14 Priority (Type) of Visit*
- UB04FL15 Point of Origin
- UB04FL17 Patient Discharge Status

These coding systems are to be used in the following fields for those entities claiming conformance to the NUBC codes, as opposed to user-defined codes:

- PV1-4 Admission Type – use coding system UB04FL14
- PV1-14 Admit Source – use coding system UB04FL15
- PV1-36 Discharge Disposition –use coding system UB04FL17

In addition, these three fields should immediately be promoted from an IS data type to a CWE data type regardless of HL7 message version. The data type change will accommodate NUBC codes and local codes as well as the version number of the coding system. Finally, NUBC codes will be removed from the user-defined table, effective immediately, to conform to best vocabulary practice.

HL7 table 0396 will be continually updated as we are made aware of changes to external coding systems. Please refer to the HL7 web site for the latest version of this table.

* Source: Official UB-04 Data Specification Manual, published July 2007, by the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) and can be found at: <http://www.nubc.org>. This coding system supersedes UB92 and is effective immediately (July 2007)