

Email notice sent to hospital data reporting contacts on May 13, 2009

The Arizona Hospital Discharge Data Reporting Specifications Manual has been updated for 2009 and is available on our website at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/crr/ddr/hospa1/index.htm>.

The changes for 2009 are listed in the Manual Change History located in the front of the manual, identified as "Transmittal 004" and indicated with red text throughout the manual.

The only substantial changes for 2009 are those changes related to collection and reporting of E Codes, which were previously communicated to all Arizona hospital data contacts on December 8, 2008.

All other supporting documentation and forms on our website, such as the ISO3166 Country Code List, Facility ID list, Data Layout and Crosswalk are current; please note that *no changes have been made since 2008*.

One new document on our website is a guide for preparing and submitting a Plan of Correction. This document is the first link under the INFORMATION heading.

It is the intention of the Department to make no changes to the reporting requirements for calendar year 2009, except for those changes necessary to remain in conformance with national standards (for example, the ICD-9-CM and DRG changes that happen every October 1).

It is the intention of the Department to implement no new audits for 2009 data. There are many new audits and auditing procedures currently under development at the Department, with planned implementation for 2010-01 data. Information on 2010 data auditing will be released in autumn 2009.