

Email notice sent to hospital data reporting contacts on November 3, 2009

The Arizona Hospital Discharge Data Reporting Specifications Manual has been updated for 2009-02 and is available on our website at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/crr/ddr/hospa1/index.htm>.

The changes for 2009-02 are listed in the Manual Change History located in the front of the manual, identified as "Transmittal 005" and indicated with **red** text throughout the manual.

For 2009-02 there are some minor clarifications and revisions to audits, some changes necessary to remain current with national codes, and the addition of one new Threshold, C17.

The new C17 Threshold will be run only on inpatient data sets. The Department will use the 2009-02 period as a live testing exercise for this threshold, which means that if your hospital exceeds the threshold, you will receive the errors back for review. However, the state will not **enforce** compliance with the C17 threshold until the 2010-01 reporting period (commencing with discharges January 1, 2010 and later).

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

The extensive changes to auditing previously anticipated for 2010 discharges have been pushed back to at least 2011 discharges due to conflicting priorities. You will be notified of upcoming changes in advance as work progresses.

Status and Activity E CODES: The Department has received many inquiries from hospitals regarding the new E codes for Status and Activities that became effective on October 1, 2009. At this time, the Department has determined that we will *accept* these codes as valid codes if they are present in your records, but reporting of these codes is *not* required by the state at this time.