

**REFERENCE SHEET FOR POINT OF ORIGIN CODES,  
FORM LOCATOR 15 ON THE UB-04**

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The bolded texts are quotes taken directly from the NUBC *Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual 2012*, Version 6.00, July 2011. Text that is non-bolded was added by the editor. The changes effective 7/1/11 are effective for *discharges* on or after 7/1/11. The Point of Origin codes appear on the UB-04 on Form Locator 15. The full title for these codes is "Point of Origin for Admission or Visit."

**"This code list is designed to focus on patients' place or point of origin rather than the source of a physician order or referral. ...The point of origin (PoO) is *where the patient came from before presenting to the health care facility.*"** (NUBC Manual 2012, Version 6.00, page 35.)

The old terminology "Source of Admission" was changed to "Point of Origin" effective 10/1/07. When Point of Origin was first introduced, there was confusion as to whether the point of origin was the location immediately before presenting to this facility, or whether the point of origin should be traced back to the originating facility. For example, consider a patient who was a resident of a SNF, then went to the physician's office for a visit, then was sent to the hospital. Was the point of origin the SNF or the physician office? The NUBC has clarified that confusion, indicating that the point of origin in this scenario would be the physician's office. Point of Origin is a physical location, and the physical location immediately preceding the patient's presentation to this facility.

<b>1</b>	<b>Non-Health Care Facility Point of Origin</b>	<b><u>Inpatient:</u> The patient was admitted to this facility.</b>
	<b><u>Examples:</u> Includes patients coming from home or workplace and patients receiving care at home (such as home health services).</b>	<b><u>Outpatient:</u> The patient presented for outpatient services.</b>

The definition of code 1 was changed effective 7/1/10 to eliminate point of origin from a physician's office from code 1. Point of origin from a physician's office was moved from code 1 to code 2.

The examples were changed effective 8/12/10 to include home health care patients.

Additional wording was changed effective 8/12/10, but did not affect content.

<b>2</b>	<b>Clinic or Physician's Office</b>	<b><u>Inpatient:</u> The patient was admitted to this facility.</b>
		<b><u>Outpatient:</u> The patient presented to this facility for outpatient services.</b>

The definition of code 2 was changed effective 7/1/10 to include point of origin from a physician's office in code 2. Point of origin from a physician's office was moved from code 1 to code 2.

**"...if a patient phones his physician from home and is advised to go to the ED, the PoO is 1. If the patient goes to the physician's office and is advised to go directly to the ED, the PoO is 2."** (NUBC Manual 2012, Version 6.00, page 35.)

<b>3</b>	<b>Reserved for assignment by the NUBC. (Discontinued effective 10/1/07.)</b>
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| 4 | <b>Transfer from a Hospital (Different Facility)</b>                                                                      | <p><b><u>Inpatient:</u></b> The patient was admitted to this facility as a hospital transfer from an acute care facility where he or she was an inpatient or outpatient.</p> <p><b><u>Outpatient:</u></b> The patient was transferred to this facility as an outpatient from an acute care facility.</p>         |
|   | <p><b><u>Usage Notes:</u></b> Excludes transfers from Hospital Inpatient in the same facility (See Code D).</p>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5 | <b>Transfer from a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) or Assisted Living Facility (ALF)</b> | <p><b><u>Inpatient:</u></b> The patient was admitted to this facility from a SNF, ICF or ALF where he or she was a resident.</p> <p><b><u>Outpatient:</u></b> The patient presented to this facility for outpatient or referenced diagnostic services from a SNF, ICF or ALF where he or she was a resident.</p> |

The definition of code 5 was changed at the August 11 – 12, 2010 NUBC meeting with an immediate effective date to include point of origin from an assisted living facility in code 5. Point of origin from an ALF has been moved from code 1 to code 5 effective 8/12/10. The stated reason for the change was to make Code 5 consistent with Patient Discharge Status Code 04.

Some wording was also changed, but did not affect content.

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| 6 | <b>Transfer from another Health Care Facility</b> | <p><b><u>Inpatient:</u></b> The patient was admitted to this facility as a transfer from another type of health care facility not defined elsewhere in this code list.</p> <p><b><u>Outpatient:</u></b> The patient presented to this facility for services from another health care facility not defined elsewhere in this code list.</p> |
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| 7 | <b>Reserved for assignment by the NUBC. (Discontinued effective 7/1/10.)</b> |
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| <del>7</del> | <del>Emergency Room</del>                                                                                                        | <p><del><b><u>Inpatient:</u></b> The patient was admitted to this facility after receiving services in this facility's emergency department.</del></p> <p><del><b><u>Outpatient:</u></b> The patient received unscheduled services in this facility's emergency department and discharged without inpatient admission. Includes self-referrals in emergency situations that require immediate medical attention.</del></p> |
|              | <p><del><b><u>Usage Notes:</u></b> Excludes patients who came to the emergency room from another health care facility.</del></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

Code 7 was discontinued effective 7/1/10. The discontinued text is included above with strikeouts for easy reference by coders and data users, to understand what code 7 used to mean prior to 7/1/10. Also effective 7/1/10 was new Condition Code P7 to indicate that the patient was admitted directly from this facility's Emergency Room/Department; it is for public health reporting only. State databanks may require this condition code, but hospitals need to use caution applying it because it is reported that payers – including Medicare – have rejected claims with Condition Code P7 attached.

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| 8 | <b>Court/Law Enforcement</b> | <b><u>Inpatient:</u></b> The patient was admitted to this facility |
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**Usage Note:**  
Includes transfers from  
incarceration facilities.

upon the direction of a court of law, or upon the  
request of a law enforcement agency representative.

**Outpatient:** The patient presented to this facility  
upon the direction of a court of law, or upon the  
request of a law enforcement agency representative  
for outpatient or referenced diagnostic services.

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"Question: What code should I use if the patient was simply transported by law enforcement to our facility? The patient is neither under arrest nor serving any jail time? Answer: Code 1 - Non-Health Care Facility Point of Origin. Rationale: Law enforcement is simply transporting the patient for emergency/urgent care treatment. The patient is not incarcerated, that is, neither under arrest nor serving any jail time." (NUBC Manual 2012, Version 6.00, page 37.)

**9 Information Not Available** **Inpatient:** The patient's Point of Origin is not known.

**Outpatient:** The patient's Point of Origin is not  
known.

**A** Reserved for assignment by the NUBC.  
(Discontinued effective 10/1/07.)

**B Transfer from Another Home Health Agency** Discontinued effective 7/1/10. (Replaced with  
Condition Code 47.)

~~B Transfer from Another Home Health Agency~~ ~~The patient was admitted to this home health agency  
as a transfer from another home health agency.~~

Code B was discontinued effective 7/1/10 and replaced with Condition Code 47. The discontinued text is included above with strikeouts for easy reference by coders and users of data, to understand what Code B used to mean prior to 7/1/10.

**C** Discontinued Effective 7/1/10.

~~C Readmission to Same Home Health Agency~~ ~~The patient was readmitted to this home health agency  
within the existing 60-day payment. (For use with  
Medicare bill type 032x.)~~

Code C was discontinued effective 7/1/10. The discontinued text is included above with strikeouts for easy reference by coders and users of data, to understand what Code C used to mean prior to 7/1/10.

**D Transfer from One Distinct Unit of the Hospital to another Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital Resulting in a Separate Claim to the Payer** **Inpatient:** The patient was admitted to this facility as  
a transfer from hospital inpatient within this hospital  
resulting in a separate claim to the payer.

**Outpatient:** The patient received outpatient services  
in this facility as a transfer from within this hospital  
resulting in a separate claim to the payer.

**Usage Note:**  
For purposes of this code,  
"Distinct Unit" is defined as a  
unique unit or level of care at the hospital requiring the issuance of a separate claim to the  
payer. Examples could include observation services, psychiatric units, rehabilitation units,  
a unit in a critical access hospital, or a swing bed located in an acute hospital.

**E      Transfer from Ambulatory  
Surgery Center**

**Inpatient: The patient was admitted to this facility as  
a transfer from an ambulatory surgery center.**

**Outpatient: The patient presented to this facility for  
outpatient or referenced diagnostic services from an  
ambulatory surgery center.**

Code E has existed in the NUBC Manual since 2007, but has only been recognized by Medicare as of 1/4/10.

Wording was changed effective 8/12/10, but did not change content.

**F      Transfer from a Hospice  
Facility**

**Inpatient: The patient was admitted to this facility as  
a transfer from hospice facility.**

**Outpatient: The patient presented to this facility for  
outpatient or referenced diagnostic services from a  
hospice facility.**

Code F has existed in the NUBC Manual since 2007, but has only been recognized by Medicare as of 1/4/10.

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**Code Structure for Newborn**

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**Reserved for assignment by the NUBC.  
(Discontinued effective 10/1/07.)**

**5      Born Inside this Hospital**

**A baby born inside this Hospital.**

**6      Born Outside this Hospital**

**A baby born outside this Hospital**

**7 – 9**

**Reserved for assignment by the NUBC.**