

COLORADO REFERENCE SHEET FOR PATIENT DISCHARGE STATUS CODES
FOR INPATIENT DISCHARGES
WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF 10/1/07

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The texts inside the quotation marks are quotes taken directly from the NUBC *Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual 2008*, Version 2.00, July 2007. Additional information not in quotes was added by the editors. All references to effects on pay to hospitals are for Medicare patients only, although it is known that some commercial payors and some state Medicaid programs have adopted the Medicare model. This reference sheet is **for inpatient discharges only** – there are additional discharge status codes for other types of discharges, such as discharges from outpatient, from hospice, and other categories.

Licensure status of facilities in Colorado is a constantly moving target. To look up the licensure status of any facility mentioned in a medical record, go to <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/> and follow the search directions on the screen. CDPHE stands for Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The lists of facilities under each code below are correct to the best of our knowledge as of the date of this revision.

- 01 “Discharged to Home or Self Care (Routine Discharge). Usage Note: Includes discharge to home; jail or law enforcement; home on oxygen if DME only; any other DME only; group home, foster care, and other residential care arrangements; outpatient programs, such as partial hospitalization or outpatient chemical dependency programs; assisted living facilities that are not state designated.” Code 01 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital.
- 02 “Discharged/transferred to a Short-Term General Hospital for Inpatient Care.” Code 02 reduces pay to the discharging hospital for almost all MS-DRGs. The CDPHE classifies these hospitals as “general.”
- 03 “Discharged/transferred to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) with Medicare certification in anticipation of covered skilled care. Usage Note: Medicare – Indicates that the patient is discharged/transferred to a Medicare certified nursing facility. For hospitals with an approved swing bed arrangement, use Code 61 – Swing Bed. For reporting other discharges/transfers to nursing facilities see 04 and 64.” Code 03 reduces pay to the discharging hospital for selected MS-DRGs. Most SNF discharges will fall into Code 03. To verify SNF licensure, if necessary, check the CDPHE website.
- 04 “Discharged/transferred to an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). Usage Note: Typically defined at the state level for specifically designated intermediate care facilities. Also used to designate patients that are discharged/transferred to a nursing facility with neither Medicare nor Medicaid certification and for discharges/transfers to state designated Assisted Living Facilities.” Note that Code 04 is a collection of different kinds of facilities and usages: ICFs, SNFs under certain circumstances and state-designated ALFs. The title of Code 04 only indicates ICF. This does not mean that the affected SNFs/ALFs are intermediate care facilities, only that they are classified under this code along with ICFs. Code 04 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital.

ICFs are state designated and licensed facilities that care for the developmentally disabled. In Colorado, there are 3 of them:

- Grand Junction Regional Center – Grand Junction (operated by Colorado Dept of Human Services)
- Kipling Village/Wheat Ridge Regional Center – Wheat Ridge (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 Circle Home, Caley Drive Home, Sherman Street Home, and Wellington Street Home)

SNFs: NUBC FAQs indicate that Code 04 is also to be used for discharge to SNFs when the patient is not receiving skilled care or when the patient’s Medicare coverage for skilled nursing days has been exhausted for the year (see FAQ 25). As of the date of this revision, there were 5 SNFs in Colorado that were neither Medicare nor Medicaid certified, private pay only, which code to 04:

- Aspen Siesta, Denver
- Balfour Retirement Community of Boulder County, Louisville
- Englewood Meridian Health Center, Englewood
- Lakewood Meridian Health Center, Lakewood
- Wide Horizon, Inc., Wheat Ridge

ALFs. Code 04 is used for stated designated assisted living facilities (ALF) without SNF or home care. The state of Colorado does designate assisted living facilities, so ALFs will fall under 04. For those states that do not designate assisted living facilities, hospitals from those states should use 01. 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. To verify ALF licensure, if necessary, check the Colorado Department of Public Health website.

- 05 “Discharged/transferred to a Designated Cancer Center or Children’s Hospital. Usage Note: Transfers to non-designated cancer hospitals should use Code 02. A list of (National Cancer Institute) Designated Cancer Centers can be found at <http://www3.cancer.gov/cancercenters/centerslist.html>.” This was intended to be effective 10/1/07, but just before implementation, CMS forced a delay until April 1, 2008. The coder should use this information for code 05 after 4/1/08. Until then, the coder should use the previously-distributed reference information for code 05. See also the same information about delayed implementation for code 70.

Code 05 reduces pay to the discharging hospital for selected MS-DRGs. Note that after 4/1/08, Code 05 will no longer be an “other” category. Only two categories will fall into 05, cancer and children’s hospitals. Nothing else should be coded to 05. Code 70 has been created to use as the “other” category.

Designated Cancer Centers. The only Colorado hospital on the designated cancer center list as of 10/1/07 is the University of Colorado Cancer Center. Therefore, code transfers to the University Hospital Cancer Center as Code 05, and transfer to any other cancer center in Colorado to Code 02.

Children’s Hospitals. Children’s Hospital at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs is not currently separately licensed as a children’s hospital in the state of Colorado and so should be classified as a transfer to an acute general hospital, Code 02. Children’s Hospital in Denver is licensed as a “Medicare Certification Children’s”, and would therefore code to Code 05.

- 06 “Discharged/transferred to Home Under Care of Organized Home Health Service Organization in Anticipation of Covered Skilled Care. Usage Note: Report this code when the patient is discharged/transferred to home with a written plan of care (tailored to the patient’s medical needs) for home services. Not used for home health services provided by a DME supplier or from a Home IV provider for home IV services.” Code 06 reduces pay to the discharging hospital for selected MS-DRGs.

Home care 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 the patient is discharged with DME only, use code 01. If the patient is discharged to home with home care, but the home care is not related to the inpatient stay, still code 06 but append condition code 42. If the patient is discharged to home with home care, but the home care is not started within 3 days of discharge, still code 06 but append condition code 43.

- 07 “Left Against Medical Advice or Discontinued Care.” Code 07 does not affect pay to the 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 most MS-DRGs.

- 08 Home IV. This code was **DISCONTINUED** effective 10/1/05.

- 20 “Expired.” Code 20 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital.

- 30 “Still Patient.” Usage Note: Used when patient is still within the same facility; typically used when billing for leave of absence days or interim bills.”

- 43 “Discharged/transferred to a Federal Health Care Facility. Usage Note: Discharges and transfers to a government operated health facility such as a Department of Defense hospital, a Veteran’s Administration hospital or a Veteran’s Administration nursing facility. To be used whenever the destination at discharge is a federal health care facility, whether the patient lives there or not.” If the patient lives at the VA, still use 43 and not 01. Code 43 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital. Changed in May 2004 to specifically **include** VA nursing homes.

- Evans U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Carson
- U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital, USAFA
- VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Denver

- VA Medical Center, Grand Junction
- VA Nursing Home, Denver
- VA Nursing Home, Pueblo
- Federal Corrections Institute Hospital, Littleton

50 “Hospice – home.” Code 50 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital.

51 “Hospice – Medical Facility (Certified) Providing Hospice Level of Care.” Code 51 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital.

61 “Discharged/transferred to a Hospital-Based Medicare Approved Swing Bed. Usage Note: Medicare – Used for reporting patients discharged/transferred to a SNF level of care within the hospital’s approved swing bed arrangement.” Code 61 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital. Use 61 if the transfer was from acute to swing bed within the same hospital, and also if the transfer was from an acute care hospital to a different hospital with the swing bed. Swing beds are frequently located in CAHs. Swing beds are located at:

- Aspen Valley Hospital, Aspen
- Centura Health – St. Thomas More Hospital, Canon City
- Colorado Plains Medical Center, Fort Morgan
- East Morgan County Hospital District, Brush
- Estes Park Medical Center, Estes Park
- Family Health West Hospital, Fruita
- Grand River Medical Center, Rifle
- Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison
- Haxton Hospital, Haxtun
- Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, Salida
- Keefe Memorial Hospital
- Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital
- Kremmling Memorial Hospital, Kremmling
- Lincoln Community Hospital, Hugo
- Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke
- The Memorial Hospital, Craig
- Mt. San Rafael Hospital, Trinidad
- Pioneers Medical Center, Meeker
- Prowers Medical Center, Lamar
- Rangely District Hospital, Rangely
- Rio Grand Hospital, Del Norte
- Sedgwick County Memorial Hospital, Julesburg
- Southeast Colorado Hospital, Springfield
- Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center, Walsenburg
- St. Vincent General Hospital District, Leadville
- Weisbrod Memorial County Hospital, Eads
- Wray Community District Hospital, Wray
- Yampa Valley Medical Center, Steamboat Springs
- Yuma District Hospital, Yuma

62 “Discharged/transferred to an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) including Rehabilitation Distinct Part Units of a Hospital.” Use 62 whether the patient was discharged to this hospital’s or to another hospital’s rehab or unit. Code 62 reduces pay to the discharging hospital for selected MS-DRGs.

HOSPITALS: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Colorado Springs (64beds)
Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital, Loveland (40 beds)
Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital, Aurora (78 beds)

UNITS WITHIN HOSPITALS:

Alamosa: San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center
Boulder: Mapleton Center, Boulder Community Hospital
Colorado Springs: Memorial Hospital
Penrose-St. Francis Health Services

Denver area:	Denver Health Medical Center Porter Adventist St. Anthony Central 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
Pueblo:	Parkview Medical Center St. Mary Corwin

63 “Discharged/transferred to a Medicare Certified Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH). Usage Note: For hospitals that meet the Medicare criteria for LTCH certification.” The coder may also see the abbreviation LTAC, for long-term acute care. Code 63 reduces pay to the discharging hospital for selected MS-DRGs. The Colorado Department of Health classifies these hospitals as “Medicare certification long term.”

- Craig Hospital, Englewood (93 beds)
- Colorado Acute Long Term Hospital, North Lowell Boulevard, Denver (53 beds)
- Kindred Hospital, Denver (68 beds)
- North Valley Hospital - Rehabilitation, Thornton (54 beds)
- Northern Colorado Long Term Acute Hospital, Johnstown (20 beds)
- Select Long Term Care Hospital, Colorado Springs (30 beds)
- Select Specialty Hospital – Denver (37 beds, located at Presbyterian-St. Luke’s)
- Select Specialty Hospital – Denver South Campus (28 beds, located at Porter Adventist)
- Triumph Hospital, Aurora (37 beds)

Note that the CDPHE website HAS CORRECTED the licensure status for Select Specialty Hospital – Denver South Campus to reflect that Select Porter carries Medicare long-term certification.

64 “Discharged/transferred to a Nursing Facility Certified under Medicaid but not Certified under Medicare.” Code 64 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital. As of the date of this revision, there were 15 in Colorado:

- Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center – Nursing Care Center, La Junta
- Bruce McCandless Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home, Florence
- Centura Health – Namaste Alzheimer Center, Colorado Springs
- Cheyenne Manor, Cheyenne Wells
- Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home – Walsenberg, Walsenberg
- Evergreen Terrace Care Center LLC, Lakewood
- Family Health West Nursing Home, Fruita
- Little Sisters of the Poor – Mullen Home, Denver
- Park Forest Care Center, Inc., Westminster
- Sedgwick County Memorial Nursing Home, Julesburg
- Simla Good Samaritan Center, Simla
- Southeast Colorado Hospital LTC Center, Springfield
- Trinidad State Nursing Home, Trinidad
- Walsh Healthcare Center, Walsh
- Weisbrod Memorial County Hospital and Nursing Home, Eads

65 “Discharged/transferred to a Psychiatric Hospital or Psychiatric Distinct Part Unit of a Hospital.” Code 65 reduces pay to the discharging hospital for selected MS-DRGs.

HOSPITALS:	Cedar Springs Behavioral Health System, Colorado Springs (40 beds) Centennial Peaks Hospital, Louisville (72 beds) Colorado Mental Health Institute at Ft. Logan (173 beds) Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo-Forensic (350 beds) Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo – Psych (290 beds) Highlands Behavioral Health System, Highlands Ranch (86 beds) North Valley Hospital - Psychiatric, Thornton (39 beds) West Slope Mental Health Stabilization Center, Grand Junction (44 beds)
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UNITS WITHIN HOSPITALS:

Boulder:	Mapleton Center, Boulder Community Hospital
Colorado Springs:	Penrose-St. Francis Health Services
Denver area:	Denver Health Medical Center Exempla Lutheran Medical Center – West Pines Porter Adventist The Medical Center of Aurora University of Colorado Hospital
Ft. Collins:	Poudre Valley Hospital
Greeley:	North Colorado Medical Center
Longmont:	Longmont United Hospital
Pueblo:	Parkview Medical Center St. Mary Corwin, Haven Behavioral Senior Care

66 “Discharged/transferred to a Critical Access Hospital (CAH).” Code 66 does not affect 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. Typically, swing beds are located in CAHs. If the discharge is to a swing bed, see Code 61. If the discharge is to acute care, use Code 66. CAHs in Colorado include:

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

70 “Discharged/transferred to another Type of Health Care Institution not Defined Elsewhere in this Code List. (See Code 05).” This was intended to be effective 10/1/07, but just before implementation, CMS forced a delay until April 1, 2008. The coder should use this information for code 70 after 4/1/08. Until then, the coder should not use code 70, as it does not officially exist until 4/1/08. See also the same information about delayed implementation for code 05.

Code 70 was created to be an “other” default code, to be used instead of code 05. It is not intended for strictly non-healthcare residential facilities (which code to 01). It is not intended for outpatient health services (which code to 01). It is not intended for any kind of non-health care facility, such as jails (which code to 01). It should be used only for healthcare services provided on an inpatient basis that do not fall under another code in this list. An example of usage might be a live-in chemical dependency rehab center (if it were an outpatient chemical dependency center, it would code to code 01). Code 70 does not affect pay to the discharging hospital.

71 and 72 To institutions for outpatient services. These codes were **DISCONTINUED** effective 4/1/03. Use Code 01.