

PHISC DISCHARGE STATUS CODE STANDARD version 2-00 dated January 2012

1. Introduction

Principles for SA PHISC Discharge Status Codes:

- Basis - Southern Health Discharge Codes formatted in US Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) National Standard Format.
- For use from 1 June 2012. No changes, additions or deletions of either codes or descriptions are permitted unless these have been fully motivated, agreed by consensus in the appropriate PHISC workgroup and formally approved by PHISC.

2. Definition

The code identifies what happens to a patient on discharge from a health establishment or the reason for discharge.

3. Synonyms

- Disposal Codes
- Discharge Codes
- Disposition Codes

4. General Usage

NOTE: interpretation must be within the context of how the codes are being used.

- In a managed healthcare environment, to give some indication of the outcome of a clinical episode in a health establishment.
- To enable the development of logic to trace the movement of patients and link encounters into episodes of care.

5. Level in Claim (if appropriate)

- Claim header level

6. Code Structure

Code		Description	
Length	2	Length	70
Type	TEXT	Type	TEXT
Leading Zeroes	YES	Leading Zeroes	Not applicable

7. Code Values

Code	Description	Explanatory Notes
01	Discharged to Home; Self-care	Routine discharge. No additional professional healthcare services required after discharge.
02	Discharged to private Health Establishment as In-Patient	Acute care Healthcare Establishment PCNS discipline prefix = 057, 058
03	Discharged to private Step-down / Sub-acute facility	PCNS discipline prefix = 049
04	Unassigned*	
05	Unassigned*	
06	Discharged to Home; Professional Healthcare Services Required	Additional professional healthcare services required e.g. Oxygen, home physiotherapy, wound care.
07	Patient left against medical advice	No official discharge made by health establishment. Patient refuses hospital treatment (RHT), left voluntary. Absconded.
08	Unassigned*	
09	Unassigned*	
10	Patient is still a patient	Should be used at the time that an interim claim is generated e.g. when a patient changes from one medical scheme policy / option to another.
11	Temporary discharge; patient to return	
12	Discharged to Private Health Establishment as Out-Patient	Acute care Healthcare Establishment PCNS discipline prefix = 057, 058
13	Discharged to public Step-down / Sub-acute facility	
14	Discharge to private Day Clinic	PCNS discipline prefix = 077
15	Discharge to public Day Clinic	
16	Discharge to public Delayed Children Development Clinic	PCNS discipline prefix = 050 010
17	Discharge to private Emergency / Trauma facility	
18	Discharge to public Emergency / Trauma facility	
19	Unassigned	
20	Deceased	Irrespective of final resting place.
21	Discharged to Law Enforcement Facility	For example: prison or other detention facilities
22-40	Unassigned	
41-42*		
43	Discharged to a public health establishment	PCNS discipline prefix = 056
44-49	Unassigned	
50	Discharged to Hospice; Home	Home: a nursing facility that is the patient's home, where the patient will receive in-home hospice service or frail care. Public and private health establishments.
51	Discharged to Hospice; Private Healthcare Establishment	
52	Discharged to Hospice; Public Healthcare Establishment	
53-60	Unassigned	
61*	Unassigned	
62	Discharged to private in-patient	PCNS discipline prefix = 059

	rehabilitation facility	
63*	Unassigned	
64*	Unassigned	
65	Discharged to private Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation & Psychiatric healthcare establishment	PCNS discipline prefix = 055
66*	Unassigned	
67	Discharged to public in-patient rehabilitation facility	
68	Discharged to public Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation & Psychiatric healthcare establishment	
69	Unassigned	
70*	Unassigned	
71-99	Unassigned	