

Required Elements of Input File (text version)

Element: DRG

Type: Num

Length: 3

Label and Uniform Coding: DRG in effect on discharge date, assigned by the DRG Grouper algorithm of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)

Element: DX1

Type: Char

Length: 5

Label and Uniform Coding: Principal diagnosis, annnn (blanks indicate missing)

Element: DX2-DXn

Type: Char

Length: 5

Label and Uniform Coding: Secondary diagnoses 2-n, where n varies by data set

Element: NDX

Type: Num

Length: 3

Label and Uniform Coding: Number of diagnoses on this discharge (Note: there is a macro variable that defines this element, it is currently set as 2). NDX should always be equal or less than the macro variable called NUMDX.