

## **TECHNICAL SUPPLEMENT 13: HCUP DATA QUALITY TABLE**

This Technical Supplement provides information on the results of edit checks performed on the Nationwide Inpatient Sample. For details on these edit checks, refer to Technical Supplement: *Quality Control in HCUP Data Processing*.

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Description	Edit Checks	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Number of Hospitals and Discharges</b>										
Total Number of Hospitals		882 (100.00%)	871 (100.00%)	859 (100.00%)	856 (100.00%)	913 (100.00%)	904 (100.00%)	938 (100.00%)	906 (100.00%)	1,012 (100.00%)
Total Discharges		6,110,064 (100.00%)	6,268,515 (100.00%)	6,156,188 (100.00%)	6,195,744 (100.00%)	6,538,976 (100.00%)	6,385,011 (100.00%)	6,714,935 (100.00%)	6,542,069 (100.00%)	7,148,420 (100.00%)
<b>Overall Data Quality Indicators</b>										
Failed any edit or validity check	ED010-ED952, DXV1-DXV30=1 or PRV1-PRV25=1	227,284 (3.72%)	140,895 (2.25%)	151,976 (2.47%)	285,492 (4.61%)	184,701 (2.82%)	267,238 (4.19%)	349,457 (5.20%)	327,577 (5.01%)	370,673 (5.19%)
Failed any edit check	ED010-ED952	185,412 (3.03%)	135,766 (2.17%)	135,923 (2.21%)	275,382 (4.44%)	141,776 (2.17%)	241,805 (3.79%)	340,702 (5.07%)	318,095 (4.86%)	352,071 (4.93%)
<b>Edit Checks</b>										
Reported LOS not equal to calculated LOS	ED010	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2,585 (0.04%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.00%)	203 (0.00%)

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Admission date after discharge date	ED011	13 (0.00%)	22 (0.00%)	23 (0.00%)	20 (0.00%)	78 (0.00%)	152 (0.00%)	74 (0.00%)	14 (0.00%)	21 (0.00%)
Reported AGE not equal to calculated AGE	ED020	13,625 (0.22%)	12,622 (0.20%)	12,618 (0.20%)	13,484 (0.22%)	8,110 (0.12%)	663 (0.01%)	4,350 (0.06%)	964 (0.01%)	1,375 (0.02%)
Age in years inconsistent with AGEDAY	ED021	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	18 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Long length of stay (LOS), justified	ED600	463 (0.01%)	370 (0.01%)	362 (0.01%)	331 (0.01%)	368 (0.01%)	294 (0.00%)	407 (0.01%)	358 (0.01%)	383 (0.01%)
Long length of stay (LOS), unjustified	ED601	55 (0.00%)	45 (0.00%)	60 (0.00%)	65 (0.00%)	80 (0.00%)	81 (0.00%)	82 (0.00%)	46 (0.00%)	43 (0.00%)
Low charges/day, justified	ED910	2,378 (0.04%)	1,014 (0.02%)	813 (0.01%)	1,606 (0.03%)	806 (0.01%)	2,405 (0.04%)	1,698 (0.03%)	837 (0.01%)	1,431 (0.02%)
Low charges/day, unjustified	ED911	14,979 (0.25%)	5,952 (0.09%)	4,497 (0.07%)	7,944 (0.13%)	4,370 (0.07%)	10,237 (0.16%)	8,510 (0.13%)	6,440 (0.10%)	8,700 (0.12%)
High charges/day, justified	ED920	846 (0.01%)	1,283 (0.02%)	1,620 (0.03%)	2,393 (0.04%)	2,560 (0.04%)	3,105 (0.05%)	3,675 (0.05%)	3,681 (0.06%)	4,803 (0.07%)
High charges/day, unjustified	ED921	253 (0.00%)	594 (0.01%)	815 (0.01%)	1,281 (0.02%)	2,102 (0.03%)	3,694 (0.06%)	9,716 (0.14%)	10,614 (0.16%)	16,541 (0.23%)

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Unacceptable uniform payer combination	ED951	114,540 (1.87%)	114,019 (1.82%)	113,310 (1.84%)	121,921 (1.97%)	112,156 (1.72%)	123,998 (1.94%)	268,880 (4.00%)	290,946 (4.45%)	315,741 (4.42%)
Unacceptable non-unif payer combination	ED952	147 (0.00%)	246 (0.00%)	520 (0.01%)	304 (0.00%)	317 (0.00%)	213 (0.00%)	799 (0.01%)	1,106 (0.02%)	748 (0.01%)
<b>Edit Checks on Diagnoses (DX) and Procedures (PR)</b>										
Principal DX inconsistent w/ age, sex	ED101, ED301, ED401	447 (0.01%)	403 (0.01%)	321 (0.01%)	268 (0.00%)	653 (0.01%)	361 (0.01%)	263 (0.00%)	198 (0.00%)	277 (0.00%)
Secondary DX inconsistent w/ age, sex	ED102-ED130, ED302-ED330, ED402-ED430	2,486 (0.04%)	1,554 (0.02%)	1,522 (0.02%)	1,526 (0.02%)	2,042 (0.03%)	2,005 (0.03%)	1,837 (0.03%)	1,589 (0.02%)	1,929 (0.03%)
Principal PR inconsistent w/ age, sex	ED201, ED501	341 (0.01%)	352 (0.01%)	251 (0.00%)	391 (0.01%)	548 (0.01%)	268 (0.00%)	225 (0.00%)	213 (0.00%)	211 (0.00%)
Secondary PR inconsistent w/ age, sex	ED202-ED225, ED502-ED525	147 (0.00%)	177 (0.00%)	137 (0.00%)	136 (0.00%)	257 (0.00%)	230 (0.00%)	125 (0.00%)	170 (0.00%)	247 (0.00%)
Day for principal PR w/o procedure coded	ED701	72 (0.00%)	12 (0.00%)	1,247 (0.02%)	14 (0.00%)	424 (0.01%)	93,819 (1.47%)	49,060 (0.73%)	1,267 (0.02%)	50 (0.00%)

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Day for principal PR not during stay	ED801	38,760 (0.63%)	593 (0.01%)	1,135 (0.02%)	127,750 (2.06%)	6,481 (0.10%)	1,036 (0.02%)	4,508 (0.07%)	820 (0.01%)	716 (0.01%)
<b>Validity Checks on Diagnoses (DX) and Procedures (PR)</b>										
Principal diagnosis invalid	DXV1=1	32,369 (0.53%)	408 (0.01%)	2,847 (0.05%)	2,618 (0.04%)	13,059 (0.20%)	5,136 (0.08%)	1,272 (0.02%)	1,340 (0.02%)	2,798 (0.04%)
Secondary diagnosis invalid	DXV2-DXV25=1	9,125 (0.15%)	1,739 (0.03%)	6,902 (0.11%)	4,705 (0.08%)	29,868 (0.46%)	18,054 (0.28%)	3,902 (0.06%)	2,753 (0.04%)	14,536 (0.20%)
Principal procedure invalid	PRV1=1	4,688 (0.08%)	491 (0.01%)	2,810 (0.05%)	1,699 (0.03%)	1,865 (0.03%)	438 (0.01%)	1,273 (0.02%)	2,032 (0.03%)	817 (0.01%)
Secondary procedure invalid	PRV2-PRV25=1	1,404 (0.02%)	2,640 (0.04%)	3,914 (0.06%)	1,524 (0.02%)	2,279 (0.03%)	2,968 (0.05%)	3,283 (0.05%)	3,888 (0.06%)	2,431 (0.03%)