

How will Data Specifications Version 1.01A and Version 1.10 of the CMG_100 Grouper software effect use of the IRVEN?

Data Specifications Version 1.01A will be implemented on October 15, 2002.

The Version 1.01A Specifications will replace the 1.00 Specifications on that date. The existing data specifications contained edits which in some instances resulted in the IRF not being able to transmit the data record to the national database. The CMS identified these edit problems in the PAI frequently asked questions and answers website. Below, identified by IRF PAI item number, is how Data Specifications Version 1.01A corrects the edit problems: (This information is also specified in more technical terms in file "DS101A.PDF", one of the Version 1.01A files which may be downloaded)

IRF PAI item number 6 "Birth Date"—When it is appropriate the patient's Birth Date and the Date of Onset of Impairment (item number 23) can be recorded as the same date.

IRF PAI item number 7 "Social Security Number"—This item may be left blank if the patient does not have a social security number.

IRF PAI item number 12 "Admission Date"—When it is appropriate the patient's Admission Date and the Date of Onset of Impairment (item number 23) can be recorded as the same date.

IRF PAI item number 13 "Assessment Reference Date"-When it is appropriate this date does not have to be earlier than a Program Interruption Date (item number 43). This date can be the same as the Discharge Date (item number 40).

IRF PAI item number 20 "Payment Source"—The data record will no longer be rejected if code 02 (Medicare non-MCO) or 51 (Medicare MCO) is recorded in item 20B (secondary source) and item 20A (primary source) contains another payment source code. However, for each individual data record if code 02 or 51 is recorded in item 20A then code 02 or 51 can't be recorded in item 20B. Similarly, if code 02 or 51 is recorded in item 20B then code 02 or 51 can't be recorded in item 20A.

IRF PAI item number 22 "Etiologic Diagnosis"-When appropriate according to the IRF PAI manual a "V" code can be recorded.

IRF PAI item number 23 "Date of Onset of Impairment"—When it is appropriate this date may now be the same as the patient's Birth Date (item number 6), or the patient's Admission Date (item number 12).

IRF PAI item number 39N "Comprehension"-In accordance with the IRF PAI manual the coding of this item must be a number equal to or between 1 and 7. (In accordance with the IRF PAI manual the more usual mode of comprehension will continue to be coded as auditory, visual, or both.)

IRF PAI item number 390 "Expression"-In accordance with the IRF PAI manual the coding of this item must be a number equal to or between 1 and 7. (In accordance with the IRF PAI manual the more usual mode of expression will continue to be coded as vocal, nonvocal, or both.)

IRF PAI item number 40 "Discharge Date"—When it is appropriate the date may now be the same as a date in item number 43 "Program Interruption Date."

Appendix C of the final rule specified the comorbidity codes the grouper software would use to modify the basic CMG code. In order to conform the ICD-9-CM codes in the Grouper software to the current ICD-9-CM codes for some comorbidities Version 1.10 of the Grouper software updates some of these codes. Below are the additional codes that the Grouper software will now recognize: (Please refer to an ICD-9-CM coding book for a description of the medical condition associated with each of these codes)

Codes used in the ICD-9-CM coding system prior to October 1, 2002

Code 569.62 Code 996.68

Codes which will be used in the ICD-9-CM coding system after October 1, 2002

Codes				
Code 277.02	Code 277.03	Code 277.09	Code 537.84	Code 995.90
Code 995.91	Code 995.92	Code 995.93	Code 995.94	Code 998.31
Code 998.32				