2. Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Service Data Sets Filing Description.

Each hospital shall file with the MHDQ or its designee a completed hospital inpatient data set and a completed hospital outpatient data set for every service provided to each patient. A completed hospital data set includes professional and facility services as defined in the appendices.

A. General Requirements.

(1) Codes.

(a) Code Sources. The code sources listed and described in Appendix A are to be utilized with the inpatient and outpatient data file submissions.

(b) Specific and Unique Coding. Except for location of service codes and provider number, specific or unique coding systems shall not be permitted as part of the inpatient and outpatient data submissions.

(c) E-codes or External Cause Codes. E-codes or External Cause Codes shall be assigned for all initial treatments of an injury, poisoning, or adverse effect of drugs. If a patient is transferred to another facility for continued treatment, this facility shall also assign the appropriate E-code or External Cause Code.

(2) Definitions for Required Data Elements. Unless otherwise specified, the definitions for the required data elements described in Appendix B-1 and Appendix C-1 are the same as those provided in the most current National Uniform Billing Data Element Specifications as developed by the National Uniform Billing Committee and approved by the State of Maine Uniform Billing Committee.

(3) Inpatient Data Filing. Data for all inpatient services of the hospital must be submitted based on the discharge date and filed under the MHDQ provider code assigned to that hospital.

(34) Outpatient Data Filing. Outpatient data for all outpatient services of the hospital and all services provided by specialty groups or primary care practices must be filed in one or more outpatient data streams under the MHDQ provider code assigned to that hospital. Every encounter that is populated with a designated subset of Place of Service codes must include a Location of Service code, internally created by the Hospital. Also, each hospital shall submit quarterly an updated Location of Service list, which includes unique location of service code, full location name, type/address.