

REFERENCE E: PLACE OF SERVICE (POS) CODES

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POS CODE SET

This reference contains the POS code set accepted by Medicare and instructions for using it. An asterisk (*) flags new codes. CMS updates this code set on a quarterly basis, as necessary. For additional information, refer to Chapter 26, Completing and Processing Form CMS-1500 Data Set, of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* that is located at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/104_claims/clm104index.asp on the Web.

The Form CMS-1500 POS codes, definitions, and an indication whether the services in a given setting are to be paid at the facility or non-facility rate are listed below. A short list with POS codes and short definitions is listed first, followed by a list containing a full definition of the POS.

POS CODES AND SHORT DEFINITIONS

CODES	DEFINITION	CODES	DEFINITION
00-02	Unassigned	35-40	Unassigned
03	School	41	Ambulance - Land
04	Homeless Shelter	42	Ambulance - Air or Water
05	Indian Health Service Free-Standing Facility	43-48	Unassigned
06	Indian Health Service Provider-Based Facility	49	Independent Clinic
07	Tribal 638 Provider-Based Facility	50	Federally Qualified Health Center
08	Tribal 638 Provider-Based Facility	51	Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
09-10	Unassigned	52	Psychiatric Facility Partial Hospitalization
11	Office	53	Community Mental Health Center
12	Home	54	Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded
13	Assisted Living Facility	55	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
14	Group Home	56	Psychiatric Residential Treatment
15	Mobile Unit	57	Non-residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
16-19	Unassigned	58-59	Unassigned
20	Urgent Care Facility	60	Mass Immunization Center
21	Inpatient Hospital	61	Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Center
22	Outpatient Hospital	62	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Center

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23	Emergency Room Hospital	63-64	Unassigned
24	Ambulatory Surgical Center	65	End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Facility
25	Birth Center	66-70	Unassigned
26	Military Treatment Facility	71	State or Local Health Clinic
27-30	Unassigned	72	Rural Health Clinic
31	Skilled Nursing Facility	73-80	Unassigned
32	Nursing Facility	81	Independent Laboratory
33	Custodial Care Facility	82-98	Unassigned
34	Hospice	99	Other Place of Service

POS CODES AND FULL DESCRIPTIONS

POS Code/Name	Payment Rate
Description* = New code/code not previously implemented by Medicare	Facility = F Non-facility = NF
01-02 = Unassigned	
03 - School A facility whose primary purpose is education.	NF
04* - Homeless Shelter A facility or location whose primary purpose is to provide temporary housing to homeless individuals (e.g., emergency shelters, individual or family shelters). (See note below.)	NF
05* - Indian Health Service Free-Standing Facility A facility or location, owned and operated by the Indian Health Service, which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (surgical and non-surgical), and rehabilitation services to American Indians and Alaska Natives who do not require hospitalization. (See note below.)	Not applicable for adjudication of Medicare claims; systems must recognize for HIPAA.
06* - Indian Health Service Provider-Based Facility A facility or location, owned and operated by the Indian Health Service, which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (surgical and non-surgical), and rehabilitation services rendered by, or under the supervision of, physicians to American Indians and Alaska Natives admitted as inpatients or outpatients. (See note below.)	Not applicable for adjudication of Medicare claims; systems must recognize for HIPAA.
07* - Tribal 638 Free-Standing Facility A facility or location owned and operated by a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribe or tribal organization under a 638 agreement, which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (surgical and non-surgical), and rehabilitation services to tribal members who do not require hospitalization. (See note below.)	Not applicable for adjudication of Medicare claims; systems must recognize for HIPAA.

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08* - Tribal 638 Provider-Based Facility A facility or location owned and operated by a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribe or tribal organization under a 638 agreement, which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (surgical and non-surgical), and rehabilitation services to tribal members admitted as inpatients or outpatients. (See note below.)	Not applicable for adjudication of Medicare claims; systems must recognize for HIPAA.
09-10 = Unassigned	
11 - Office Location, other than a hospital, skilled nursing facility (SNF), military treatment facility, community health center, State or local public health clinic, or intermediate care facility (ICF), where the health professional routinely provides health examinations, diagnosis, and treatment of illness or injury on an ambulatory basis.	NF
12 - Home Location, other than a hospital or other facility, where the patient receives care in a private residence.	NF
13* - Assisted Living Facility Congregate residential facility with self-contained living units providing assessment of each resident's needs and on-site support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the capacity to deliver or arrange for services including some health care and other services.	NF
14* - Group Home Congregate residential foster care setting for children and adolescents in state custody that provides some social, healthcare, and educational support services and that promotes rehabilitation and reintegration of residents into the community.	NF
15* - Mobile Unit A facility/unit that moves from place to place equipped to provide preventive, screening, diagnostic, and/or treatment services.	NF
16-19 = Unassigned	
20 - Urgent Care Facility Location, distinct from a hospital emergency room, an office, or a clinic, whose purpose is to diagnose and treat illness or injury for unscheduled, ambulatory patients seeking immediate medical attention.	NF
21 - Inpatient Hospital A facility, other than psychiatric, which primarily provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and non-surgical), and rehabilitation services by, or under, the supervision of physicians to patients admitted for a variety of medical conditions.	F

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22 - Outpatient Hospital A portion of a hospital that provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and non-surgical), and rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization.	F
23 - Emergency Room - Hospital A portion of a hospital where emergency diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury is provided	F
24 - Ambulatory Surgical Center A freestanding facility, other than a physician's office, where surgical and diagnostic services are provided on an ambulatory basis.	Pay at the non-facility rate for payable procedures not on the ASC list.
25 - Birthing Center A facility, other than a hospital's maternity facilities or a physician's office, which provides a setting for labor, delivery, and immediate post-partum care as well as immediate care of newborn infants.	NF
26 - Military Treatment Facility A medical facility operated by one or more of the Uniformed Services. Military Treatment Facility (MTF) also refers to certain former U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) facilities now designated as Uniformed Service Treatment Facilities (USTFs).	F
27-30 = Unassigned	
31 - Skilled Nursing Facility A facility that primarily provides inpatient skilled nursing care and related services to patients who require medical, nursing, or rehabilitative services but does not provide the level of care or treatment available in a hospital.	F
32 - Nursing Facility A facility which primarily provides to residents skilled nursing care and related services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons, or, on a regular basis, health-related care services above the level of custodial care to other than mentally retarded individuals.	NF
33 - Custodial Care Facility A facility which provides room, board and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis, and which does not include a medical component.	NF
34 - Hospice A facility, other than a patient's home, in which palliative and supportive care for terminally ill patients and their families are provided.	F
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41 - Ambulance - Land A land vehicle specifically designed, equipped and staffed for lifesaving and transporting the sick or injured.	F
42 - Ambulance - Air or Water An air or water vehicle specifically designed, equipped and staffed for lifesaving and transporting the sick or injured.	F
43-48 = Unassigned	
49* - Independent Clinic A location, not part of a hospital and not described by any other Place of Service code, that is organized and operated to provide preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative services to outpatients only.	NF
50 - Federally Qualified Health Center A facility located in a medically underserved area that provides Medicare beneficiaries preventive primary medical care under the general direction of a physician.	F
51 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facility A facility that provides inpatient psychiatric services for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness on a 24-hour basis, by or under the supervision of a physician.	F
52 - Psychiatric Facility-Partial Hospitalization A facility for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness that provides a planned therapeutic program for patients who do not require full-time hospitalization, but who need broader programs than are possible from outpatient visits to a hospital-based or hospital-affiliated facility.	F
53 - Community Mental Health Center A facility that provides the following services: outpatient services, including specialized outpatient services for children, the elderly, individuals who are chronically ill, and residents of the CMHC's mental health services area who have been discharged from inpatient treatment at a mental health facility; 24 hour a day emergency care services; day treatment, other partial hospitalization services, or psychosocial rehabilitation services; screening for patients being considered for admission to state mental health facilities to determine the appropriateness of such admission; and consultation and education services.	F
54 - Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded A facility which primarily provides health-related care and services above the level of custodial care to mentally retarded individuals but does not provide the level of care or treatment available in a hospital or SNF.	NF

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55 - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility A facility that provides treatment for substance (alcohol and drug) abuse to live-in residents who do not require acute medical care. Services include individual and group therapy and counseling, family counseling, laboratory tests, drugs and supplies, psychological testing, and room and board.	NF
56 - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center A facility or distinct part of a facility for psychiatric care that provides a total 24-hour therapeutically planned and professionally staffed group living and learning environment.	F
57* - Non-residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility A location which provides treatment for substance (alcohol and drug) abuse on an ambulatory basis. Services include individual and group therapy and counseling, family counseling, laboratory tests, drugs and supplies, and psychological testing.	NF
58-59 - Unassigned	
60 - Mass Immunization Center A location where providers administer pneumococcal pneumonia and influenza virus vaccinations and submit these services as electronic media claims, paper claims, or using the roster billing method. This generally takes place in a mass immunization setting, such as, a public health center, pharmacy, or mall but may include a physician office setting.	NF
61 - Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility A facility that provides comprehensive rehabilitation services under the supervision of a physician to inpatients with physical disabilities. Services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, social or psychological services, orthotics, and prosthetics services.	F
62 - Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility A facility that provides comprehensive rehabilitation services under the supervision of a physician to outpatients with physical disabilities. Services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech pathology services.	NF
63-64 = Unassigned	
65 - End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Facility A facility other than a hospital, which provides dialysis treatment, maintenance, and/or training to patients or caregivers on an ambulatory or home-care basis.	NF
66-70 = Unassigned	

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71 - State or Local Public Health Clinic A facility maintained by either State or local health departments that provide ambulatory primary medical care under the general direction of a physician.	NF
72 - Rural Health Clinic A certified facility that is located in a rural medically underserved area that provides ambulatory primary medical care under the general direction of a physician.	NF
73-80 = Unassigned	
81 - Independent Laboratory A laboratory certified to perform diagnostic and/or clinical tests independent of an institution or a physician's office.	NF
82-98 = Unassigned	
99 - Other Place of Service Other place of service not identified above.	NF