

# Structured File Format: Encounter (Appendix B)

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FIELD NAME	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	LOOKUP
<b>Unique Encounter Code</b>	Character (15)	Unique encounter (visit) record identifier generated by the source system. Preferred format is a unique 5-digit number database identifier assigned by IHS, concatenated with a 10-char encounter id number unique within the source system. Format is right-justified and zero-filled. Required only for encounters.	
<b>Chart Facility Code</b>	Character (6)	Code to designate the facility where this chart is located.	Facility Codes (SCB)
<b>Chart Number</b>	Character (10)	A patient's health record number (HRN) at the specified facility. Preferred format is right-justified and zero filled.	
<b>Date of Birth (character format)</b>	Date, format CCYYMMDD (8)	Patient's Date of Birth. Expected format is CCYYMMDD. Registration-always required. Encounters, required only for dental.	
<b>Gender</b>	Character (1)	Sex of Patient as provided by the patient's registration information. (M = Male, F = Female, U = Unknown) Required only for registration.	
<b>Social Security Number &amp; Pseudo-SSN Flag</b>		Composite field consisting of the social security number (or pseudo-ssn) and a flag indicating if it is an actual ssn or a pseudo-ssn assigned by the facility.	
<b>SSN Nine-char</b>	Character (9)	Nine char social security number, or pseudo-ssn assigned by the facility	
<b>SSN Pseudo Flag</b>	Character (1)	Flag indicating whether the associated social security number value is an actual SSN, or a pseudo-ssn assigned by the facility. (P=pseudo, blank=actual) Required only when the SSN is a pseudo-SSN.	
<b>Tribe Code</b>	Character (3)	Indian tribe code specifying patient's tribal membership. Required only for registration.	Tribe Codes (SCB)
<b>Community of Residence Code</b>	Character (7)	Code for the State/County/Community of Residence of the patient. Required only for registration.	Community Codes (SCB)
<b>Beneficiary Classification Code</b>	Character (2)	Classification of the type of patient, indicating a category under which an individual can become eligible for IHS benefits. Required only for registration, if tribe code is 998 or 999	Classification Codes (SCB)
<b>Service / Admission Date (character format)</b>	Date, format CCYYMMDD (8)	Outpatient: date of service. Inpatient: admission date. Expected format is CCYYMMDD. Required only for encounters.	
<b>Location of Encounter</b>	Character (6)	Facility code for the location where the visit took place. Required only for Direct encounters	Facility Codes (SCB)
<b>Service Type Code</b>	Character (1)	A code that specifies the service type for this encounter. Required only for encounters.	Service Type Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
<b>Service Category Code</b>	Character (2)	Category of the service that was provided to the patient during this encounter. Required only for encounters.	Service Category Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
<b>Clinic Code</b>	Character (2)	Code indicating the type of clinic at which this encounter occurred. Required only for Direct Outpatient and Direct Dental encounters.	Clinic Codes (SCB)
<b>Provider Affiliation Code</b>	Character (1)	The affiliation of the provider. If multiple affiliations are sent, the first occurrence listed is considered to be the affiliation of the primary provider.	Provider Affiliation Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
<b>Provider Discipline Code</b>	Character (2)	The discipline of the provider. If multiple disciplines are sent, the first occurrence listed is considered to be the discipline of the primary provider. Required only for Direct Outpatient and Direct Dental encounters. Minimum of one value required.	Services Rendered By (Provider) Codes (SCB)

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<b>Unique Registration Code</b>	Character (15)	Unique registration record identifier generated by the source system. (It is unique by registration record, not necessarily by patient if a given patient has more than one registration record at the same facility or different facilities.) Preferred format is a unique 5-digit number database identifier assigned by IHS, concatenated with a 10-char registration id number unique within the source system. Format is right-justified and zero-filled.	
Encounter Delete Flag	Character (1)	Flag received from the local system that indicates that this encounter was deleted from the local system.	
Data Entry Creation Date (character format)	Date, format CCYMMDD (8)	Date the encounter record was created. Expected format is CCYMMDD.	
<b>Date of Last Update</b>	Date, format CCYMMDD (8)	Date this record was last modified by the local registration/encounter system. Date format is CCYMMDD.	
<b>Diagnosis Code</b>	Character (6)	ICD-9 diagnosis code. When multiple ICD-9 codes are sent, the first one is considered to be the primary diagnosis. Preferred format is to include the dot. Nationally recognized standard code set. ( <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd.htm</a> ) Required only for non-dental direct encounters. Minimum of one value required.	
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<b>Admission Service</b>	Character (2)	Code set indicating type of clinical service to which the patient was admitted. Required only for Direct Inpatient encounters.	Clinical Service Codes (SCB)
Admission Type	Character (1)	Code indicating by what process a patient was admitted.	Admission Codes (SCB)
Cause of Death	Character (6)	ICD-9 code for cause of death. Preferred format is to include the dot. Nationally recognized standard code set. ( <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd.htm</a> )	
Number of Consults	Character (3)	Number of physician consultations with the patient during an inpatient stay. Not applicable for outpatient encounters.	
<b>Discharge Date (character</b>	Date, format	Inpatient: date patient discharged. Outpatient: not applicable. Expected format is	

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<b>format)</b>	CCYMMDD (8)	CCYMMDD. Required only for Inpatient encounters.	
Discharge Service Code	Character (2)	Code set indicating type of clinical service from which the patient was discharged.	Clinical Service Codes (SCB)
Discharge Type Code	Character (1)	Identifies how a patient was discharged from an inpatient visit. Not applicable for outpatient. IHS-specific code set.	Inpatient Disposition Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
Length of Stay	Character (3)	Number of days the patient was in the inpatient setting. Not applicable for outpatient.	
PHN Activity Minutes	Character (4)	Total number of minutes to complete the Public Health Nursing activity.	
PHN Travel Minutes	Character (4)	Travel Time utilized for Public Health Nursing activity, recorded in minutes.	
PHN Activity Code	Character (2)	Activity Code used for reporting Public Health Nursing visits.	PHN Activity Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
PHN Intervention Level	Character (1)	Code indicating the level of intervention used during a Public Health Nursing activity.	PHN Level of Intervention Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
Prescription Quantity	Character (2)	Number of prescriptions written for this patient/visit.	
Last Menstrual Period (character format)	Date, format CCYMMDD (8)	Last known menstrual period on file. Expected format is CCYMMDD.	
LMP Noted (character format)	Date, format CCYMMDD (8)	Date the last menstrual period on file was noted. Expected format is CCYMMDD.	
HGBA1C Value	Character (6)	Result value for a HGBA1C test performed during this encounter.	
HTN Ever Documented Flag	Character (1)	Has this patient ever had Hypertension documented? (Y/N)	
HTN Last Documented (character format)	Date, format CCYMMDD (8)	Date Hypertension (HTN) was last documented, if ever. Expected format is CCYMMDD.	
Clinical Measure Result Value Blood Pressure-Systolic Blood Pressure-Diastolic	Character (3) Character (3)	This field will be used for Blood Pressure, Height, & Weight. BP to be reported in ###/### format, height to be output in inches in ##.# format, weight in pounds in ###.# format.	
Ace Inhibitor Fill Flag	Character (1)	Was an ACE INHIBITOR prescribed and/or filled during this encounter (Y/N)?	
DM Nutrition Education Flag	Character (1)	Was Diabetes Mellitus education given to the patient? (Y/N)	
Disposition On ER Visits	Character (1)	The patient disposition code, if this is an ER visit.	ER Disposition Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
Clinical Measure Result Value Weight	Character (5)	This field will be used for Blood Pressure, Height, & Weight. BP to be reported in ###/### format, height to be output in inches in ##.# format, weight in pounds in ###.# format.	
Clinical Measure Result Value Height	Character (4)	This field will be used for Blood Pressure, Height, & Weight. BP to be reported in ###/### format, height to be output in inches in ##.# format, weight in pounds in ###.# format.	
Pap Lab Test Flag	Character (1)	Was a Pap test performed during this encounter? (Y/N)	
Glucose Value	Character (15)	Result value for a glucose test obtained during this encounter.	

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Triglyceride Test Flag	Character (1)	Was a triglyceride test performed during this encounter? (Y/N)	
Triglyceride Value	Character (15)	Result value for a triglyceride test obtained during this encounter	
Urine Protein Test Flag	Character (1)	Was a urine protein test performed during this encounter? (Y/N)	
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Microalbuminuria Flag	Character (1)	Was an Microalbuminuria test performed during this encounter (Y/N)?	
Microalbuminuria Value	Character (15)	Result value of the Microalbuminuria test performed during this encounter.	
PSA Lab Test Flag	Character (1)	Was a Prostate Specific Antigen test performed during this encounter? (Y/N)	
IHS Exam Code	Character (2)	Exam that was performed on the patient during this encounter.	Exam Code Lookup Table (OIT SCS)
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Education Code	Character (12)	Code that specifies the topic of education provided during this encounter.	Patient Education Protocol (Education Topics) (SCB)
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Dentist's SSN	Character (9)	SSN for the dental provider. (format 999999999, no dashes.)	
Dental Delivery Code	Character (1)	The dental delivery modes designate whether this was a contracted or direct dental service. (D = Direct, K = Contract)	
Dental Cost	Character (7)	Dental Total Cost rounded to the nearest dollar.	
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Dental Patient Type Code	Character (1)	Indian status of dental patient. Obsolete, no longer used to determine Indian status for DDO (Dental Data Owner) dental workload reporting.	
CHS Paid Amount	Character (9)	For CHS (contracted health service) visits, total amount paid to the outside provider. Preferred format is 999999.99.	



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