

December 11, 2019

Goodbye “Upgrades”: Next Epic Update February 2020

Epic has moved to a quarterly Upgrade Cycle which we, as well as many other Epic organizations, are now calling “Updates.” These Updates reflect a smaller scope of changes compared to the past.

We are planning two Epic Updates next year. The first Update will include two quarterly versions, May and August 2019. Our go-live goal is currently Feb. 15, 2020. The second Update will be announced separately.

SSM HEALTH – ePrescribing changes to meet new CMS requirements-12/11/2019

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is updating Part D electronic transaction standard. You will not see many changes but may notice inconsistencies depending on the version the pharmacy is using as they do not have the same deadline to make the changes on their end. ePrescribing will be unavailable on 12/11/2019 from 6-7 a.m. for this update.

Benefits:

- Prescribers no longer need to constrain their instructions for medication into 140 characters or less. The sig character limit has expanded from 140 to 1000. **Any pharmacies who also upgraded their system will accept the longer sigs.**
- Prescribers can process refills for mixtures instead of creating a new prescription each time because the updates support sending and receiving discrete mixture components.
- Prescribers can electronically prescribe controlled substances for patients with international addresses. Note that the patient’s address is required.
- Epic can send their Narcotic Addiction DEA Number (NADEAN) automatically so prescribers no longer need to manually enter this number in the Notes to Pharmacy field.
- Epic can send the language a patient best understands and communicates with to their pharmacy if it has been entered in the patient’s demographics – Preferred Spoken Language. (For SSM HEALTH, currently only English and Spanish will be sent)

Physician Billing

(Medical Group Updates)

PAYOR PLAN UPDATES (HB AND PB)

SSMH NEW PAYORS AND PLANS:

6074 WELLFIRST/6544 SSM WELLFIRST

6074 WELLFIRST/6545 WELLFIRST MARKETPLACE

6300 WORKERS COMP/6546 LOU FUZ ATHLETIC TRAINING CENTER

Media Manager – Create New Encounter Contact Type Update

A new Contact Type value of “Documentation” has been added per approval of the HIM SCG 11/20/2019 to assist with more efficient workflow when in this activity.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "New Contact for Zztest, Cabbage". It contains the following fields and controls:

- Contact date:** 11/21/2019 (with a calendar icon)
- Contact type:** Documentation (with a search icon)
- Provider:** PCP (with a search icon)
- Department:** (with a search icon)
- Buttons:** Create and Scan, Create and Import, Create Encounter, Cancel

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Registration

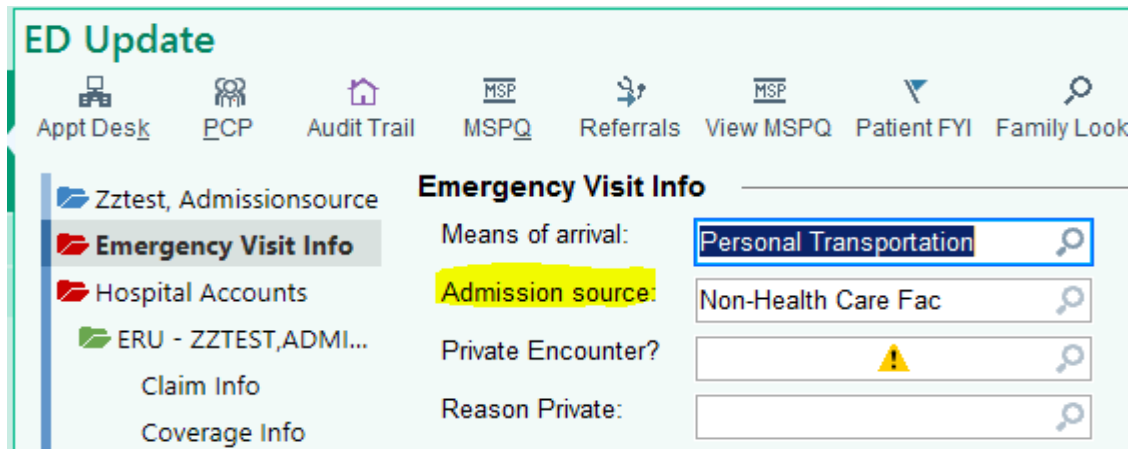
(Hospital Updates)

Update to Admission Source defaults in the ED Update (Registration) Workflow (SSM wholly owned ministries **ONLY**)

Currently in the ED Update (Registration) workflow on the Emergency Visit Info form, the Admission source is defaulted to Non-Health Care Fac resulting in inaccurate info being captured.

Future state the default will be replaced by a Warning  recommending the Admission source be entered by all staff completing the workflow.

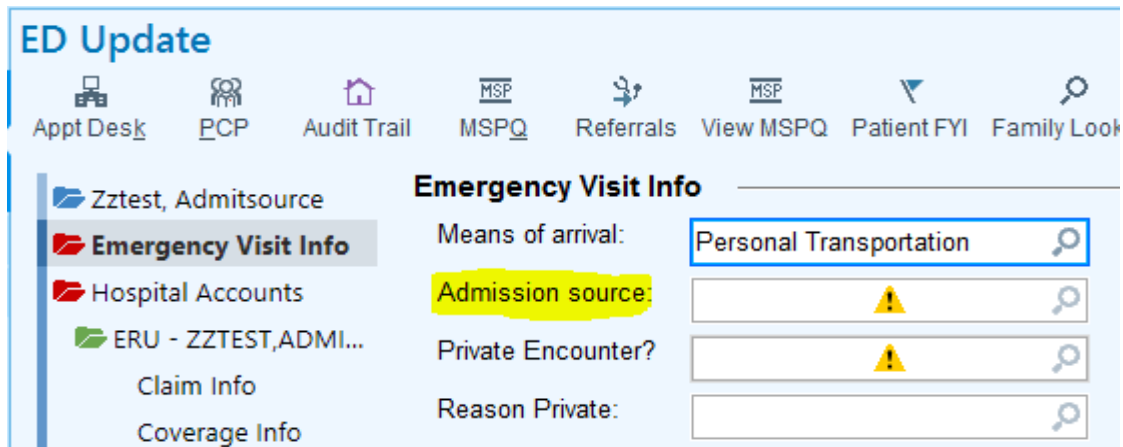
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The screenshot shows the 'ED Update' form with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Appt Desk', 'PCP', 'Audit Trail', 'MSPQ', 'Referrals', 'View MSPQ', 'Patient FYI', and 'Family Look'. On the left is a sidebar with 'Zztest, Admissionsource', 'Emergency Visit Info', 'Hospital Accounts', and 'ERU - ZZTEST,ADMI...'. The main form area is titled 'Emergency Visit Info' and contains the following fields:

Means of arrival:	<input type="text" value="Personal Transportation"/>
Admission source:	<input type="text" value="Non-Health Care Fac"/>
Private Encounter?	<input type="text" value="Warning icon"/>
Reason Private:	<input type="text"/>

Future:



The screenshot shows the 'ED Update' form with the same navigation bar and sidebar as the current version. The main form area is titled 'Emergency Visit Info' and contains the following fields:

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New View:

Scans - Patient Level 14 record(s) loaded (all)

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