

068X Trauma Response

Charges for a trauma team activation.

Subcategory Standard Abbreviations

These codes developed by the Trauma Center Association of America;

0 - Not Used

1 - Level I TRAUMA LEVEL I

2 - Level II TRAUMA LEVEL II

3 - Level III TRAUMA LEVEL III

4 - Level IV TRAUMA LEVEL IV

9 - Other Trauma Response TRAUMA OTHER

Usage Notes:

1. To be used by trauma center/hospitals as licensed or designated by the State or local government authority authorized to do so, or as verified by the American College of Surgeons and involving a trauma activation.

2. Revenue Category 068X is used for patients for whom a trauma activation occurred. A trauma team activation/response is a "Notification of key hospital personnel in response to triage information from pre-hospital caregivers in advance of the patient's arrival."

3. Revenue Category 068X is for reporting trauma activation costs only. It is an activation fee and not a replacement or a substitute for the emergency room visit fee; if trauma activation occurs, there will normally be both a 045X and 068X revenue code reported.

4. Revenue Category 068X is not limited to admitted patients.

5. Revenue Category 068X must be used in conjunction with FL 19 Type of Admission/Visit code 05 ("Trauma Center"), however FL 19 Code 05 can be used alone.

Only patients for who there has been **pre-hospital** notification, who meet either local, State or American College of Surgeons field triage criteria, or are delivered by inter-hospital transfers, and are given the appropriate team response, can be billed the trauma activation fee charge. Patients who are "drive-by" or arrive without notification cannot be charged for activations, but can be classified as trauma under Type of Admission Code 5 for statistical and follow-up purposes.

6. Levels I, II, III or IV refer to designations by the State or local government authority or as verified by the American College of Surgeons.

7. Subcategory 9 is for state or local authorities with levels beyond IV.

These can be found in the On-line Manual: Medicare Claims Processing Manual, 100-4 , Chapter 25 "Completing and Processing the Form CMS-1450 Data Set" pp 96-97

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