

# Patient Access APeX August Update - Effective 8/10/25

#### Patient Access Users

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## RTE Update - Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs) End Date

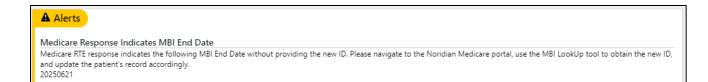
**Audience:** West Bay, East Bay, Marin, Community Affiliates. All users who access Registration, Scheduling, and RTE.

**Reason for Change:** Previously, users were unaware when a Medicare RTE response indicated an MBI End Date, leading to errors such as 'Invalid/Missing Subscriber/Insured ID,' without understanding that the issue stemmed from the MBI expiration.

### **Description & Workflow:**

Now, APeX will utilize RTE to capture MBI end dates before they expire.

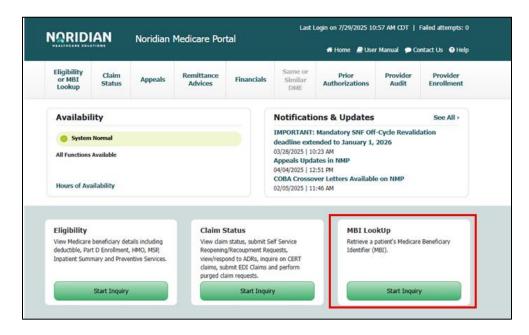
APeX will automatically capture and alert users of an impending MBI End Date when indicated in the Medicare RTE response. The new RTE alerts regarding MBI End Dates will be in the Medicare eligibility responses and the Registration Sidebar Checklist.



### Reasons for MBI End Date:

Beneficiary Received a New MBI	Medicare issues a new MBI to the beneficiary to protect against identity theft if the old MBI was compromised or to make the old MBI invalid through routine updates.
Beneficiary Deceased	The MBI is end-dated upon the beneficiary's death.
Termination of Medicare Coverage	Coverage is terminated due to eligibility changes.
Administrative Changes	Administrative updates necessitate a new MBI.
Incarceration or Deportation	The MBI is end-dated during periods of inactivity due to incarceration or deportation.

This notification will help prevent errors related to "Invalid/Missing Subscriber/Insured ID" by notifying users of the need to update the MBI information. MBI information should be current and accurate to avoid potential issues. The MBI Lookup tool is available for verification on the Noridian Medicare portal. https://www.noridianmedicareportal.com/



Name of Build Analyst: Nick Lowy

# **FYI Flag Update**

Audience: West Bay, East Bay, Marin, Community Affiliates

**Reason for Change:** Some FYI Flags on patient records are no longer linked to an active workflow or purpose. These outdated flags create unnecessary clutter in the patient's chart and can negatively affect the end user experience.

#### **Description & Workflow:**

We are deactivating the following **FYI Flags** from *patient records* and the *FYI Flag Type* category list. These flags will no longer be available to add to patient records:

- Visitor Restriction
- Video Visit Capable
- GI Titus Patient
- Ketogenic Diet Patient: No Dextrose, No Liquid Medications, No Suspensions

End users can view inactive FYI Flags by selecting the "**Inactive**" checkbox in the FYI Flag activity. By default, inactive FYI Flags do not appear on the Storyboard or in the FYI activity.



For Visitor Restriction, please follow the dedicated workflow in Salesforce instead of using an FYI Flag.

Security Team: Restricted Visitor Entry

ED RN: BCH MB ED Patients Visitor List for Admitted Patients

Admit Staff/HUSC: Patient Visitor List Update

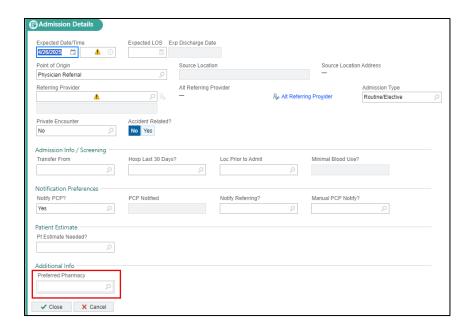
Name of Informaticists: Dr Aris Oates; Dr Katie Grouse; Amy Kangwankij, CNI, Name of Analyst: Anne Kroeger

## Capture the Preferred Pharmacy for Pediatric Admissions

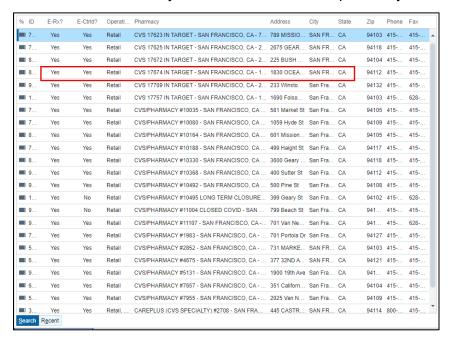
Audience: West Bay, East Bay Pediatrics

**Reason for Change:** Pediatrics has asked to populate the preferred pharmacy field with the patient's preferred pharmacy for minor patients.

**Description & Workflow**: In the *Admission Details* section, enter the **pharmacy name** and **city** to narrow down results from the national database.



Confirm the address so you can select the correct pharmacy.



Name of Build Analyst: Billy Harris

# MRI Scheduling Update

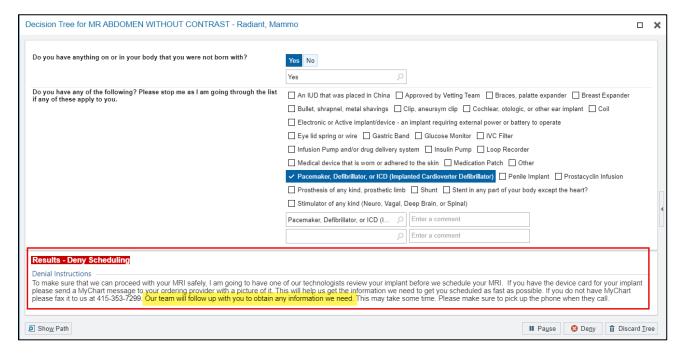
Audience: UCSF MRI Schedulers

Reason for Change: To improve the accuracy and safety of MRI scheduling.

**Description and Workflow:** A new decision tree is now part of the MRI scheduling process. It uses clearer, more patient-friendly questions to help direct patients to the correct MRI resource.

If the patient indicates they have an implant or another possible safety risk, the system will stop the scheduling and send the request to a work queue for an MRI Technologist to review the patient's medical history.

Schedulers will see a message when this happens and should let the patient know that Radiology Scheduling will follow up with them to schedule the appointment.



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### **New Phonetic Name Field**

Audience: West Bay, East Bay, Marin, Community Affiliates

Reason for change: To help all staff pronounce patients' names correctly and respectfully.

**Description & Workflow**: A new Phonetic Name field has been added to the Demographics section of Registration. This field is visible to all users and can be updated by clinical and non-clinical staff.

Staff should enter the phonetic spelling of the patient's name using the provided spelling key as a guide. The phonetic name will appear in the patient information hover bubble on Storyboard when documented.

Please see the <u>Adding a Phonetic (sound-based) Spelling tip sheet</u> for the spelling key and additional information.



### Examples of names spelled phonetically:

Imani	ih-MAW-nee	Zhan	zhahn
Nguyen	whin	Haroon	hah-ROON
Elijah	ih-LYE-zhuh	Quincy	KWHIN-see
Omar	OH-mar	Samira	suh-MEER-uh
Nikita	nih-KEE-tuh	Malakai	MAL-uh-kye
Mohamed	moh-HAH-mud	Marcelo	mar-SEHL-loh
Alejandro	ah-lay-HAHN-droh	Aries	AIR-eez
Genevieve	JEHN-ih-veev		

### Spelling Key:

- Syllables are separated by dashes
- Stressed syllables are capitalized

Respelling	
symbol(s)	Example
b	<b>b</b> ut, we <b>b</b>
ch	church, nature
d	do, odd
dh	this, breathe, father
f	fool, enou <b>gh</b> , leaf
g	<b>g</b> o, be <b>g</b>
h	ham, ahead
j	<b>g</b> in, <b>j</b> oy, e <b>dge</b>
k	<b>c</b> at, <b>k</b> iss, <b>q</b> ueen, s <b>k</b> in, thi <b>ck</b>
kh	lo <b>ch</b>
1	left, bell
m	<b>m</b> an, ha <b>m</b>
n	no, tin
ng	ri <b>ng</b> , si <b>ng</b> er, si <b>n</b> k
ng-g	fi <b>ng</b> er
р	pen, spin, tip
ру	<b>pu</b> pil
r	run, very
s or ss	see, city, pass
sh	<b>sh</b> e, <b>s</b> ure, emo <b>ti</b> on, lea <b>sh</b>
t	two, sting, bet
th	thing, teeth
v	<b>v</b> oice, ha <b>v</b> e
w	we
wh	<b>wh</b> at
У	<b>y</b> es
z	zoo, rose
zh	plea <b>s</b> ure, vi <b>si</b> on, bei <b>g</b> e

Respelling	
symbol(s)	Example
a	tr <b>a</b> p, cat
ah or aa	p <b>a</b> lm, pot
air	squ <b>are</b>
ar	st <b>ar</b> t
arr	m <b>arr</b> y
aw	th <b>ough</b> t, s <b>aw</b>
ay, ai	f <b>a</b> ce, <b>a</b> pe
er	lett <b>er,</b> Pet <b>er</b>
e, eh	dr <b>e</b> ss, m <b>e</b> t
ee	fl <b>ee</b> ce, tr <b>ee</b>
eer	n <b>ear</b>
err	merry
ew	ewe, dew
eye	item
i or ih	
(Use ih at end of	
syllable, esp. if I	kit, bit
yields a real word,	
e.g. "hi", "ski")	
irr	m <b>irr</b> or
0	lot
oh or oe	g <b>oa</b> t,t <b>oe</b> , g <b>o</b>
00	f <b>oo</b> d, b <b>oo</b> t, sh <b>oe</b>
oor	cure or Europe
ohr	force or wore
or or awr	n <b>or</b> th or w <b>ar</b>
orr	<b>or</b> ange
ou	out
ow	m <b>ou</b> th
oy	ch <b>oi</b> ce, t <b>oy</b>
u	str <b>u</b> t
uu	foot, p <b>u</b> t
uh	m <b>o</b> ther, comm <b>a</b>
ur	n <b>ur</b> se
urr	h <b>urr</b> y
ye	price

Respelling	
symbol(s)	Example
UR	f <b>ur</b> ther
AIR	h <b>air</b> , b <b>are</b>
EER	beer, hear
OOR	p <b>oor</b>
OR	d <b>oor</b> ,f <b>or</b>
AR	car
IKE	b <b>ike</b>
INE	line
ITE	l <b>ight</b> , b <b>ite</b>
ICE	dice
AL	р <b>а</b> I
ALL	b <b>all</b>
AIL	p <b>ail</b>
ULL	h <b>ull</b>
OOL	t <b>ool</b>
OAL	coal
EEL or EAL	d <b>eal</b>
ILL	p <b>ill</b>
ILE	st <b>yle</b> , p <b>ile</b>

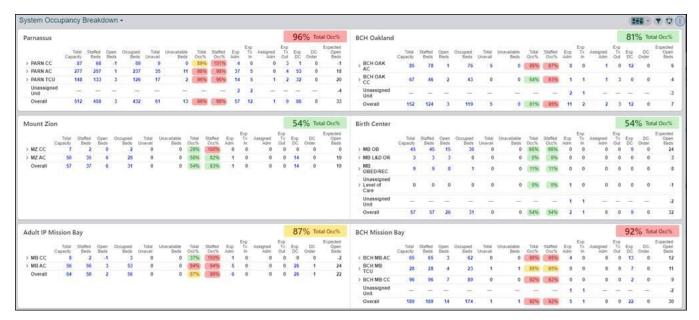
Source: https://www.cmu.edu/hub/registrar/docs/phonetic-spelling-instructions.pdf

Name of Build Analyst: Bates Burnell

## New PCMC Dashboard

Audience impacted: West Bay, East Bay

**Brief description & workflow**: A new **PCMC Dashboard** has been created to display the existing Occupancy Breakdown components, now grouped by Hospital Location. You can access the dashboard through your PCMC dashboard redirectors.



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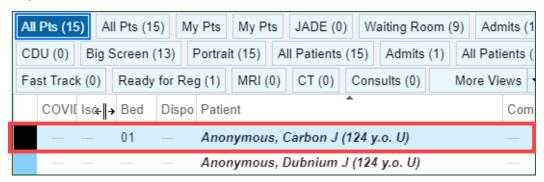
## **Expired Patient Status on Track Board/Manager**

Audience: All ED sites

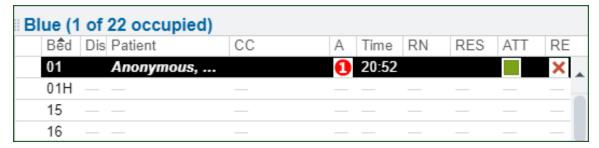
Reason for Change: To enhance tracking of expired patients in ED.

**Brief description & workflow**: When provider documents a disposition of Expired, the patient status automatically turns to Expired with a black color column on Track Board and black color background on ED Manager.

### **Expired status and black color column on Track Board:**



**Expired patient on ED Manager:** 



SME/Informaticist: Jason, Gerke, Analyst: Brandon Wade

## **APeX Reporting Office Hours**

APeX Reporting Team members host office hours monthly. Get answers to your questions on APeX Reporting content and workflows. This is a forum to provide end users with immediate training support; there is no set agenda. Below is the upcoming schedule for Office Hours:

Join us each month, 12:10 pm -1:00 pm

### APeX Reporting Office Hours Meeting Link

Date	Time
August 7, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
August 21, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
September 4, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
September 18, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm

### **Patient Access Office Hours**

Date	Time
August 12, 2025	9:00 am - 10:00 am
September 9, 2025	9:00 am - 10:00 am
October 14, 2025	9:00 am - 10:00 am

Use the Zoom link below to drop in during monthly office hours.

https://ucsf.zoom.us/j/94134819060?pwd=RHNNaDN2c204TzJOREgvcG9WRkptZz09

This is not a meeting, but a forum to provide end users with immediate training support regarding questions on new releases, or other training-related issues (i.e., template build, registration errors, advanced scheduling techniques).

## APeX New Hire Training Schedule

Need to see when the next APeX Training class is offered? <u>Click here</u> to see a list of all upcoming APeX classes.

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#### Always Remember Your Responsibilities for Use for the Electronic Health Record

APeX is the legal electronic health record for patients at the UCSF Medical Center. All users have the following responsibilities:

- Assure that all information is entered correctly and accurately and within your scope of practice.
- Stay up to date on changes in APeX.
- Follow all UCSF Policies & Procedures on use of the electronic health record.
- Report any issues or problems to your manager and/or IT Service Desk at (415) 514-APeX (2739).