

NIBRS Coding Scenarios

Prescription Fraud

Scenario #1: What is the proper coding of a prescription fraud/doctor shopping incident? Two people went to the hospital and pretended to be in pain. The agency codes the case as “26A False Pretenses/ Swindle/ Confidence Game” but is not sure if that is correct because there is an error message that the Property Segment needs a “Type Loss” of “5 – Recovered” or “7 – Stolen/Etc.” however there is no recovery or anything stolen. They just got medication under false pretenses. These two people have been going around to other hospitals in the area.

Coding Scenario #1: If they received the drugs from the hospital, then you have a completed Fraud Offense and in this example it would be coded as a “26A”. The Type Property Loss would be “7 - Stolen” (data element 14). Then, report what they received and that would be “10 - Drugs/Narcotics” (Data Element 15). The value would be the cost of the drugs that were given fraudulently. Since there was no recovery, you would not report “5 – Recovered”. Keep in mind that “7 – Stolen” includes bribed, defrauded, embezzled, extorted, ransomed, robbed, etc. Therefore, defrauded is appropriate for “7 – Stolen”.

Note: Definition of 26A False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game: The intentional misrepresentation of existing fact or condition or the use of some other deceptive scheme or device to obtain money, goods, or other things of value.

Reference: *National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) User Manual, Version 1.0, Document Date: 01/17/2013, 26A - Fraud, False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game pages 26-27. URL: <http://www.asucrp.net/FBI%20Manuals%20Addendums%20Map/NIBRS%20User%20Manual%201.0.pdf>.*



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There must be a minimum of 30 participants enrolled by August 23, 2014; 12 noon Central Standard Time in order to conduct this training.



Note that the preceding gives general examples. It is not meant to be all inclusive. Coding is based on individual case circumstances.

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