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VASS check 50612 amended
'Inconsistent Legal Status / Specialty (of Treatment)' (APC)

Previously the logic for this check was that if the specialty of treatment was a psychiatric specialty then the legal status must be between 01 and 35, and if the specialty of treatment was not a psychiatric specialty then the legal status must equal 98.

It was brought to our attention that if a patient is detained under the Mental Health Act and then requires treatment under an acute specialty, they should retain the same legal status.

This resulted in the logic behind the check being changed so that if the specialty of treatment was a psychiatric specialty then the legal status must be between 01 and 35, but if the specialty of treatment was not a psychiatric specialty then the legal status could be any valid value.

Note: The Legal Status vs. Specialty (of Treatment) indicator on the APC Data Consistency Report will not be affected as this measure shows the consistency of mental health related specialties only.