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| **REQUESTED - DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION for 51855-5** | |
|  | **Source:** HL7 Structured Documents Working Group |
|  | A Patient Authored Note is generated by a patient or a patient agent acting in a non-clinical role to provide clinically relevant information to support planned or unplanned health care services.   This document gives healthcare providers, and others involved in a person’s care, information which the patient considers essential input during care delivery and coordination. This document enables patients and their agents to contribute to the continuity of care.   Because a Patient Authored Note is generated by a person acting as a non-clinician, this document may not be a complete medical summary and should be considered in context with other information routinely collected by clinicians during care delivery and coordination.  This general class of patient authored notes includes information that is interoperable with data defined for clinician-generated documents. Other more specific classes of patient authored notes may include more tightly defined content.  This document may be generated from a patient-, clinician-, or payer-controlled source system. |
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| Intention to Build a Hierarchy of codes for Patient Authored Notes | |
|  | It is envisioned that the 51855-5 code will be the most general class of Patient Authored Note documents, and that additional more specific types of Patient Authored Notes will be created in the future. |
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