The high rate of edit failure is attributable to one state that does not provide dates for all discharges (i.e., dates are missing), resulting in the failure of these edit checks. However, the state does provide AGE and LOS calculated in a manner consistent with methods used for HCUP processing, thus these data elements are reliable in the NIS.

For more information about the HCUP edit checks, please refer to the special report on HCUP Quality Control Procedures.