

# Specification Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures

Release Notes 2.3a

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## Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2.3a provide modifications to version 2.3 of the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures*. The Release Notes are provided as a reference tool and are not intended to be used to program abstraction tools. Please refer to the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures* for the complete and current technical specifications and abstraction information.

The notes are organized to follow the order of the Table of Contents. Within each topic section, a row represents a change beginning with general changes followed by data elements in alphabetical order. The column headings are described below:

- **Manual Section** - used to identify which section(s) listed in the Table of Contents contain the change listed. The sections are Data Dictionary, Measure Information, Missing and Invalid Data, Sampling Methods, etc.
- **Impacts** - used to identify which portion(s) of the Manual Section is impacted by the change listed. Examples are Alphabetical Data Element List, Data Element Pages, (Topic) Data Element List, Measure Information Form (MIF) and Flowchart (Algorithm). The measures that the data element is collected for are identified.
- **Rationale** - provided for the change being made.
- **Description of Changes** - used to identify the section within the document where the change occurs, e.g., Definition, Data Collection Question, Allowable Value, and Denominator Data Elements.  
**NOTE:** Additions and Deletions are listed and additions are **yellow highlighted** in the corresponding document. Exceptions: The additions and changes to the Algorithms are not yellow highlighted, and the Hospital ICD Population and Clinical Data XML File Layouts are **yellow highlighted** in the cells that have a change in them and the actual changes are **bolded**.
- **Page**- the beginning page number is from the 2.3 version of the manual
- **Implementation Date**- Date when change is to be implemented

Data elements that cross multiple measures and contain the same changes will be consolidated into one row. If those changes do not apply to all of the measures listed in the Impacts column that is identified in the description of changes.

Manual Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes	Page	Implementation Date
<b>Pregnancy and Related Conditions</b>					
Measure Information	PR Flowchart (Algorithm)  Measures: PR-1	A typographical error is being corrected in the PR-1 algorithm. Version 2.3 was released with the <i>Measure Category Assignments</i> for 'D' (denominator) and 'E' (numerator) reversed.	<b>Switched</b> the 'D' and 'E' <i>Measure Category Assignment</i> process boxes.	PR-1-4	10-01-2007 Discharges

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<b>Appendices</b>					
Appendix A	<b>Table 5.09</b> Infections	Invalid code listed in 2.3 release notes.	<b>Removed</b> code was listed in 2.3 release notes as 16.46 and should have been listed as 016.46.	Release Notes Change-236	10-01-2007 Discharges
Appendix A	<b>Table 5.10</b> Major Surgery	<p>Procedure is not considered a major surgery</p> <p>The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee has released tables of codes that become <b>invalid</b> effective 10-1-2007.</p> <p>The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee has released tables of <b>new</b> codes effective 10-1-2007.</p> <p>The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee <b>revised</b> the “ICD-9-CM Description: and the “Shortened Description” of some codes effective 10-1-2007.</p>	<p><b>Remove</b> code 32.25</p> <p><b>Remove the following codes:</b> 32.3, 32.4, 32.5, 84.58</p> <p><b>Add the following new codes:</b> 32.39, 32.49, 32.59, 84.80, 84.81, 84.82, 84.83, 84.84, 84.85</p> <p><b>Revise the following codes to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 00.77 Hip bearing surface, ceramic-on-polyethylene</li> <li>• 07.81 Other partial excision of thymus</li> <li>• 07.82 Other total excision of thymus</li> <li>• 07.92 Other incision of thymus</li> <li>• 07.99 Other and unspecified operations on thymus</li> <li>• 39.8 Operations on carotid body, carotid sinus and other vascular bodies</li> <li>• 53.61 Incisional hernia repair with graft or prosthesis</li> <li>• 53.69 Repair of other hernia of anterior abdominal wall with graft or prosthesis</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix A-58</p> <p>Appendix A-53 through Appendix A-71</p> <p>Appendix A-53 through Appendix A-71</p> <p>Appendix A-49 through Appendix A-61</p>	10-01-2007 Discharges

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Appendix A	<b>Table 5.14</b> Burns	<b>Invalid</b> code was removed but not listed in 2.3 release notes.	Code 945.57 was <b>removed</b> from table 5.14 but not listed in the 2.3 release notes.	Appendix A-83	10-01-2007 Discharges
Appendix A	<b>Table 5.19</b> General Surgery	The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee has released tables of codes that become <b>invalid</b> effective 10-1-2007.  The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee has released tables of <b>new</b> codes effective 10-1-2007.	<b>Remove the following codes:</b> 32.3, 32.4, 32.5  <b>Add the following new codes:</b> 32.39, 32.49, 32.59	Appendix A-87  Appendix A-87	10-01-2007 Discharges
Appendix A	<b>Table 5.22</b> Elective Hip Replacement	The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee <b>revised</b> the “ICD-9-CM Description: and the “Shortened Description” of some codes effective 10-1-2007.	<b>Revise</b> the code 00.77 to “Hip bearing surface, ceramic-on-polyethylene”	Appendix A-93	10-01-2007 Discharges
Appendix A	<b>Table 5.25</b> Other Major Surgery for Sampling	Code not appropriate for table  The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee has released tables of codes that become <b>invalid</b> effective 10-1-2007.  The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee has released tables of <b>new</b> codes effective 10-1-2007.  The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee <b>revised</b> the “ICD-9-CM Description: and the “Shortened Description” of some codes effective 10-1-2007.	<b>Remove</b> code 32.25  <b>Remove the following codes:</b> 32.3, 32.4, 32.5, 84.58  <b>Add the following new codes:</b> 32.39, 32.49, 32.59, 84.80, 84.81, 84.82, 84.83, 84.84, 84.85  <b>Revise the following codes to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 00.77 Hip bearing surface, ceramic-on-polyethylene</li> <li>• 07.81 Other partial excision of thymus</li> <li>• 07.82 Other total excision of thymus</li> <li>• 07.92 Other incision of thymus</li> </ul>	Appendix A-98  Appendix A-98 through Appendix A-113  Appendix A-98 through Appendix A-113  Appendix A-94 through Appendix A-104	10-01-2007 Discharges

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