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Dear Primary Measurement System Contact:

Effective with April 1, 2007 discharges, The Joint Commission introduced an additional set of core measures addressing Children's Asthma Care (CAC). The initial CAC measure set was comprised of three performance measures:

CAC - 1	Use of Relievers for Inpatient Asthma
CAC - 2	Use of Systemic Corticosteroids for Inpatient Asthma
CAC - 3	Home Management Plan of Care Given to Patient/Caregiver

CAC-3 was implemented as a test measure pending National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsement. Although included on the hospital's ORYX Performance Measure Report, data analysis for CAC-3 was not used in the accreditation process or publicly reported on Quality Check.

The CAC-3 measure has now been endorsed by the NQF and will be implemented as a production measure effective with July 1, 2008 discharges. As a result, effective with third quarter 2008 discharges, the CAC-3 data will be used in the accreditation process and publicly reported on Quality Check once the minimum requirement of two quarters data has been collected and submitted to The Joint Commission.

Please note that due to lengthy lead times for production of the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures, this change will not be reflected in the Manual until Version 2.6 is released in October of this year.

Thank you for your attention to this important update.