

Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures

Release Notes 2.6b

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Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2.6b provide modifications to the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient 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 Inpatient 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 implementation date is 04-01-2009 unless otherwise specified. The column headings are described below:

- **Section** - used to identify which section(s) listed in the Table of Contents contain the change listed. The sections are Data Dictionary, Measurement Information, Missing and Invalid Data, etc.
- **Impacts** - used to identify which portion(s) of the Manual Section is impacted by the change listed. Examples are Alphabetical Data Dictionary, (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 Values, and Denominator Statement - Data Elements.
NOTE: Additions and Deletions are listed and additions are **gray highlighted** in the corresponding document. Exceptions: The additions and changes to the Algorithms are not yellow highlighted, and the Hospital Initial Patient Population and Clinical Data XML File Layouts are **blue highlighted** in the cells that have a change in them and the actual changes are **bolded**.
- **Page** - the beginning page number is from the 2.6a version of the manual

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.

This document should allow the reader to identify the exact location of each change by reading from left to right across the columns. An **example** is: Changing a note for abstraction within *Initial Blood Culture Collection Time*, which is collected for PN-3a, PN-3b.

Example:

Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes	Page
Data Dictionary	Data Element Pages Measures: PN-3a PN-3b	Abstraction clarification	Add <u>Notes for Abstraction</u> If multiple times of collection are documented with acceptable terms, abstract the earliest (initial) time.	1-191

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Hyperlinks have been added for the following sections to assist with navigating the Release Notes:

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[Surgical Care Improvement Project \(SCIP\) – Data Dictionary](#)

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Table of Contents	Table of Contents AMI-6	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines.	Measure Information Form (MIF) and Flowchart (Algorithm) Remove AMI-6	N/A
Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) – Data Dictionary				
Alphabetical Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary Measure AMI-6	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines.	<u>Element Name</u> Add RETIRED after the data element name <i>Beta-Blocker Received Within 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival</i> <i>Reason for No Beta-Blocker on Arrival</i> <u>Collected For</u> Remove AMI-6 each place it occurs (except for the data elements <i>Beta-Blocker Received Within 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival</i> and <i>Reason for No Beta-Blocker on Arrival</i>)	1-9
<i>Beta-Blocker Received Within 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival</i>				
Alphabetical Data Dictionary	Data Element Pages Measure AMI-6	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines.	<u>Release Notes box</u> Remove Version 2.3 Add RETIRED <u>Data Element Name</u> Add RETIRED after the data element name	1-75
<i>Reason for No Beta-Blocker on Arrival</i>				
Alphabetical	Data Element Pages	Being “retired” in	<u>Release Notes box</u>	1-279

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Data Dictionary	Measure AMI-6	accordance with updated ACC guidelines.	<p>Remove Version 2.6</p> <p>Add RETIRED <u>Data Element Name</u></p> <p>Add RETIRED after the data element name</p>	
Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) – Measurement Information				
Measure Information	AMI Data Element List Measure AMI-6	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines	<p><u>Element Name</u></p> <p>Add RETIRED after the data element name <i>Beta-Blocker Received Within 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival</i> <i>Reason for No Beta-Blocker on Arrival</i></p> <p><u>Collected For</u></p> <p>Remove AMI-6 each place it occurs (except for the data elements <i>Beta-Blocker Received Within 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival</i> and <i>Reason for No Beta-Blocker on Arrival</i>)</p>	AMI-2
Measure Information (MIF)	ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION NATIONAL HOSPITAL INPATIENT QUALITY MEASURES Measure	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines	<p><u>Measure Short Name</u></p> <p>Add RETIRED after name Beta-Blocker at Arrival</p>	AMI-1

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	AMI-6			
Measure Information (MIF)	Measure Information (MIF) Measure AMI-6	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines	<p><u>Release Notes box</u> Remove Version 2.6</p> <p>Add RETIRED</p> <p><u>Set Measure ID#</u> Add RETIRED after AMI-6</p> <p><u>Performance Measure Name</u> Add RETIRED after Beta-Blocker at Arrival</p> <p><u>Description</u> Add RETIRED after Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients who received a beta-blocker within 24 hours after hospital arrival</p>	AMI 6-1
Measure Information	Measure Flowchart (algorithm) Measure AMI-6	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines	<p>Remove AMI-6 algorithm</p> <p>Add AMI-6 Algorithm is RETIRED effective April 01, 2009 discharges</p>	AMI-6-3 AMI-6-4 AMI-6-5 AMI-6-6

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Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) – Data Dictionary				
<i>Beta-Blocker Perioperative</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary	To correct a typographical error from Version 2.6.	<u>Notes for Abstraction</u> Change the fourth bullet to (this now becomes third bullet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For patients discharged from surgery and admitted to locations other than the PACU (e.g., ICU): The perioperative period would end a maximum of six hours after arrival to the non-PACU recovery area. 	1-71
Data Transmission				
Data Transmission	Information The Joint Commission Provides To Core Performance Measurement Systems AMI-6	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines	<u>Table 1-Acute Myocardial Infarction Measures</u> Change “Start-End Discharge Date” for AMI-6 from 7/1/2002-ongoing to 7/1/2002-3/31/2009 <u>Measure Short Name</u> Add RETIRED after Beta Blocker at Arrival	9-7
Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout				
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout Table A	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines	<u>Table A</u> Arrival Date Transfer from Another ED Remove “AMI-6” from the applicable measures	Table A-2 Table A-11
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout Table A	Being “retired” in accordance with updated ACC guidelines	<u>Table A</u> Remove “Beta-Blocker Received Within 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival” and “Reason for No Beta-Blocker on Arrival”	2 3
			<u>Table A – Retired Elements Effective 04-01-2009</u>	12

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			Add “Beta-Blocker Received Within 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival (BBLKR24HRS)” and “Reason for No Beta-Blocker on Arrival (CTRBBLKRAR)”	