

Specification Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures

Release Notes 2.3b

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Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2.3b provide modifications to 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 for Version 2.3 are **yellow highlighted** and for Version 2.3b are **grey 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** for Version 2.3 and **grey highlighted** for Version 2.3b in the cells that have a change in them and the actual changes are **bolded**.

- **Page**- the beginning page number is from the 2.3a 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.

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:

Manual Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes	Page	Implementation Date
Pneumonia					
<i>Initial Blood Culture Collection Time</i>					
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	10-01-2007 Discharges

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General Data Elements					
Data Dictionary	Introduction to the Data Dictionary	Changes made by the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC)	<u>Introduction</u> Change <i>Admission Source to Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i>	1-1	10/01/2007 Discharges
<i>Admission Source</i>					
Data Dictionary Measure Information	Alphabetical Data Element List Data Element Pages AMI Data Element List HF Data Element List PN Data Element List SCIP Data Element List PR Data Element List CAC Data Element List Measures: All Measures	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete <i>Admission Source</i> Add <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> (except PN-3b)	1-9 1-18 AMI-2 HF-2 PN-2 SCIP-3 PR-2 CAC-2	10/01/2007 Discharges
<i>Admission Type</i>					
Data Dictionary	Data Element Pages Measures: PR-2	Changes made by the NUBC	Change Newborn value 4 from “Use of this code necessitates the use of special Source of Admission codes – see data element <i>Admission Source</i> ” to “Use of this code necessitates the use of special Source of Admission/Point of Origin Codes – see data element <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> ”	1-21	10/01/2007 Discharges
<i>Discharge Status</i>					
Data Dictionary	Data Element Pages Measures: All Measures	Changes made by the NUBC	Change Allowable Value “05” from “Discharged/transferred to a designated cancer center or children’s hospital” to “Discharged/transferred to	1-155	10/01/2007 Discharges

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			another Type of Health Care Institution not Defined Elsewhere in this Code List” Add “Usage Notes” to Value “05”: Cancer hospitals excluded from Medicare PPS and children’s hospitals are examples of such other types of health care institutions. Delete Allowable Value “70”		
Acute Myocardial Infarction					
Acute Myocardial Infarction – additional Measurement Information changes					
Measure Information	Measure Information Form (MIF) Measures: AMI-1 AMI-6 AMI-7 AMI-7a AMI-8 AMI-8a AMI-9	Changes made by the NUBC	<u>Denominator Statement – Data Elements</u> Change <i>Admission Source to Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i>	AMI-1-2 AMI-6-2 AMI-7-2 AMI-7a-2 AMI-8-2 AMI-8a-2 AMI-9-2	10/01/2007 Discharges
Measure Information	Measure Information Form (MIF) Measures: AMI-1 AMI-6 AMI-7 AMI-7a AMI-8 AMI-8a	Revisions related to the intent of the data element <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> and to reduce false inclusions where the patient may have received treatment at the transferring facility.	<u>Denominator Statement – Excluded Populations</u> Change 3 rd bullet from “Patient received as a transfer from another acute care hospital, including another emergency department” to “Patients received in transfer from an acute care facility where they were an inpatient or outpatient: Add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients received as a transfer from one distinct unit of the hospital to another distinct unit of the same hospital 	AMI-1-2 AMI-6-2 AMI-7-1 AMI-7a-2 AMI-8-2 AMI-8a-2	10/01/2007 Discharges

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients received as a transfer from an emergency department of another hospital 		
Measure Information	Measure Information Form (MIF) Measure: AMI-9	Revisions related to the intent of the data element <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> and to reduce false inclusions where the patient may have received treatment at the transferring facility.	Denominator Statement – Excluded Populations Change 3 rd bullet from “Patient received as a transfer from another acute care hospital, including another emergency department” to “Patients received in transfer from an acute care facility where they were an inpatient or outpatient: Add: Patients received as a transfer from one distinct unit of the hospital to another distinct unit of the same hospital	AMI-9-1	10/01/2007 Discharges
Measure Information	AMI Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: AMI-1 AMI-6 AMI-7 AMI-7a AMI-8 AMI-8a AMI-9	Changes made by the NUBC	Change <i>Admission Source</i> diamond to <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> Delete value “A” from the exclusion branch of the <i>Admission Source</i> diamond Delete value “3” from the down branch of the <i>Admission Source</i> diamond Add values “E” and “F” to the down branch of the <i>Admission Source</i> diamond	AMI-1-5 AMI-6-5 AMI-7-5 AMI-7a-5 AMI-8-5 AMI-8a-5 AMI-9-4	10/01/2007 Discharges
Measure Information	AMI Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: AMI-1 AMI-2 AMI-3 AMI-4	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete value “70” from the exclusion branch of the <i>Discharge Status</i> diamond	AMI-1-5 AMI-2-5 AMI-3-6 AMI-4-5 AMI-5-5 AMI-6-5 AMI-9-4 AMI-T1a-5	10/01/2007 Discharges

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	AMI-5 AMI-6 AMI-9 AMI-T1a AMI-T2			AMI-T2-6	
Heart Failure					
Heart Failure – additional Measurement Information changes					
Measure Information	HF Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: HF-1 HF-2 HF-3 HF-4	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete value “70” from the exclusion branch of the <i>Discharge Status</i> diamond	HF-1-6 HF-2-5 HF-3-6 HF-4-5	10/01/2007 Discharges
Pneumonia					
Pneumonia - additional Measurement Information changes					
Measure Information	Measure Information Form (MIF) Measures: PN-1 PN-3a PN-5 PN-5b PN-5c PN-6 PN-6a PN-6b	Changes made by the NUBC	<u>Denominator Statement – Data Elements</u> Change <i>Admission Source to Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i>	PN-1-2 PN-3a-2 PN-5-2 PN-5abc-3 PN-6, 6ab-3	10/01/2007 Discharges
Measure Information	Measure Information Form (MIF) Measures: PN-1 PN-3a PN-5 PN-5abc PN-6	Revisions related to the intent of the data element <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> and to reduce false inclusions where the patient may have received treatment at the transferring facility.	<u>Denominator Statement – Excluded Populations</u> Change 3 rd bullet from “Patient received as a transfer from another acute care hospital, including another emergency department” to “Patients received in transfer from an acute care facility where they	PN-1-2 PN-3a-2 PN-5-2 PN-5abc-2 PN-6, 6ab-3	10/01/2007 Discharges

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	PN-6ab		were an inpatient or outpatient: Add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients received as a transfer from one distinct unit of the hospital to another distinct unit of the same hospital • Patients received as a transfer from an emergency department of another hospital • Patients received as a transfer from an ambulatory surgery center 		
Measure Information	Measure Information Form (MIF) Measures: PN-3b	Exclusions related to the data element <i>Admission Source</i> are no longer needed.	<u>Denominator Statement – Excluded Populations</u> Delete bullet: Patients received in transfer from another hospital, including another emergency department Add bullet: Patients received in transfer from an emergency department of another hospital	PN-3b-2	10/01/2007 Discharges
Measure Information	PN Flowchart (Algorithms) Measures: PN-1 PN-3a PN-5 PN-5b PN-5c PN-6 PN-6a PN-6b	Changes made by the NUBC	Change <i>Admission Source</i> diamond to <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> Delete value “A” from the exclusion branch of the <i>Admission Source</i> diamond Add value “E” to the exclusion branch of the <i>Admission Source</i> diamond Delete value “3” from the down branch of the <i>Admission Source</i> diamond Add value “F” to the down branch of the <i>Admission Source</i> diamond	PN-1-5 PN-3a-5 PN-5-6 PN-5abc-8 PN-5abc-11 PN-6, 6ab-8 PN-6, 6ab-19 PN-6, 6ab-28	10/01/2007 Discharges
Measure Information	PN Flowchart (Algorithms)	Exclusions related to the data element <i>Admission Source</i> are no	Delete <i>Admission Source</i> diamond from the algorithm.	PN-3b-5	10/01/2007 Discharges

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	Measures: PN-3b	longer needed			
Measure Information	PN Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: PN-1 PN-2 PN-3a PN-3b PN-4 PN-5 PN-5b PN-5c PN-6 PN-6a PN-6b PN-7	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete value “70” from the exclusion branch of the <i>Discharge Status</i> diamond	PN-1-5 PN-2-5 PN-3a-5 PN-3b-5 PN-4-5 PN-5-6 PN-5abc-8 PN-5abc-11 PN-6, 6ab-9 PN-6, 6ab-20 PN-6, 6ab-29 PN-7-5	10/01/2007 Discharges
Pregnancy					
Pregnancy - additional Measurement Information changes					
Measure Information	PN Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: PR-2	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete value “70” from the exclusion branch of the <i>Discharge Status</i> diamond	PR-2-4	10/01/2007 Discharges
Children’s Asthma Care					
Children’s Asthma Care - additional Measurement Information changes					
Measure Information	CAC Flowchart (Algorithm) Measures: CAC-3	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete value “70” from the exclusion branch of the <i>Discharge Status</i> diamond	CAC-3-6	10/01/2007 Discharges
National Hospital Quality Measure Verification Process					
National Hospital Quality Measure	Test Cases Measures: All Measures	Changes made by the NUBC	<u>Format and Distribution - Patient-Level Test Case File</u> <u>Format</u> Change “Data Element Name”	8-11 8-14 8-16 8-26	10/01/2007 Discharges

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Verification Process			in table from <i>Admission Source</i> to <i>Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i>	8-28 8-39	
National Hospital Quality Measure Data Transmission					
<i>Admission Source</i>					
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	Changes made by the NUBC	Change “Question” from Admission Source to Point of Origin for Admission or Visit	Table A 1	10/01/2007 Discharges
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete “Answer Code” 3 and A Add “Answer Code” E and F	Table A 1	10/01/2007 Discharges
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete “Answer Value” 3-HMO referral and A-Transfer from a Critical Access Hospital Change “Answer Value” 1 Physician Referral to 1 Non-Health Care Facility Point of Origin Change “Answer Value” 2 Clinic Referral to 2 Clinic Change “Answer Value” 4 Transfer from a hospital (Different Facility) to 4 Transfer From a Hospital (Different Facility) Change “Answer Value” 5 Transfer from Skilled Nursing Facility to 5 Transfer from a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) Change “Another” in “Answer Value” 6 to “another” Change “Answer Value” D Transfer from Hospital Inpatient in the Same Facility Resulting in a Separate Claim to the Payer to Transfer from One Distinct Unit of the Hospital to another	Table A 1	10/01/2007 Discharges

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			Distinct Unit of the Same Hospital Resulting in a Separate Claim to the Payer Add “Answer Value” E Transfer from Ambulatory Surgery Center Add “Answer Value” F Transfer from Hospice and is Under a Hospice Plan of Care or Enrolled in a Hospice Program		
<i>Discharge Status</i>					
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete “Answer Code” value 70	Table A 1	10/01/2007 Discharges
Data Transmission	Hospital Clinical Data XML File Layout	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete “Answer Value” 70 Discharge/transferred to another type of health care institution not defined elsewhere in this code list (See code 05) Change “Answer Value” 05 from “Discharged/transferred to a designated cancer center or children’s hospital” to “Discharged/transferred to another Type of Health Care Institution not Defined Elsewhere in this Code list”	Table A 1 Table A 5	10/01/2007 Discharges
Appendices					
Appendix D	Appendix D	Changes made by the NUBC	Change <i>Admission Source to Point of Origin for Admission or Visit</i> in the definition for “administrative/billing data (data source)”	Appendix D-1	10/01/2007 Discharges
Appendix H	Table 2.5 Discharge Status Disposition	Changes made by the NUBC	Delete <i>Discharge Status</i> 70 Another type of health care institution not defined elsewhere in the code list from the table	Appendix H-9	10/01/2007 Discharges