

# Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures

## Release Notes 2.5b

September 19, 2008

### Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2.5b 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 10-01-2008 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 gray highlighted in the cells that have a change in them and the actual changes are **bolded**.
- **Page**- the beginning page number is from the 2.5a 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	<b>Add</b> <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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