

Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures

Release Notes 2.0a

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Manual Section	Impacts	Description of Changes	Page	Implementation Date
Release Notes 2.0a provide modifications and clarifications to the <i>Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures</i> released March 10, 2006 for implementation with July 1, 2006 discharges. The page numbers listed are from the 2.0 version of the manual.				
Data Dictionary	ICD Population Size	Collected For , add a note that this data element has been defined in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Definition , remove the measure/measure set specific definitions from this data element and add a comment to refer to the 'Sampling Methods' section of the manual for this information	1-150 1-151 1-152	07-01-2006 Discharges
Measure Information	AMI Measure Information Form	AMI-7, AMI-8 Delete '** NQF-ENDORSED VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARDS FOR HOSPITAL CARE **'	AMI-7-1 AMI-8-1	07-01-2006 Discharges
Measure Information	AMI Analytic Flowchart	AMI-7, AMI-7a Add an algorithm branch for missing or invalid data values for <i>Reason for Delay in Fibrinolytic Therapy</i>	AMI-7-6, AMI-7a-6	07-01-2006 Discharges
Measure Information	AMI Analytic Flowchart	AMI-7 Add an on-page 'connector' to the D measure category assignment box to go to the end of the algorithm (i.e., Stop)	AMI-7-6	07-01-2006 Discharges
Measure Information	AMI Analytic Flowchart	AMI-8, AMI-8a Add an algorithm branch for missing or invalid data values for <i>Reason for Delay in PCI</i>	AMI-8-6, AMI-8a-6	07-01-2006 Discharges
Measure Information	PN Analytic Flowchart	PN-7 Move the <i>Chest X-ray</i> diamond in algorithm logic to follow immediately after the 'Patient Age' diamond	PN-7-4	07-01-2006 Discharges
Measure Information	PN Analytic Flowchart	PN-6, PN-6a, and PN-6b Change the lower branch of the last 'ANTIMINUTES' diamond from '<=2160 minutes for at least one antibiotic dose' to '<= 1440 minutes for at least one antibiotic dose'	PN-6, 6ab-9 PN-6, 6ab-18 PN-6, 6ab-25	07-01-2006 Discharges
Sampling Methods	Sampling Availability	Add an 'Order of Data Flow' discussion and diagram Note: The first data pull now identifies all cases that match the definition of <i>ICD Population Size</i>	4-2	07-01-2006 Discharges
Sampling Methods	Sampling Availability	Update the <i>ICD Population Size</i> definition for AMI, HF, and PN to include 'Patient Age (<i>Admission Date - Birthdate</i>) >= 18 years'	4-2	07-01-2006 Discharges
Sampling Methods	Sampling Availability	Change the <i>ICD Population Size</i> definition for PR-2 from '(<i>Discharge Date - Birth Date</i> < 28 days)' to '(<i>Admission Date - Birth Date</i> < 28 days)'	4-2	07-01-2006 Discharges
Sampling Methods	Sampling Availability	Clarify the sampling criteria for SCIP	4-2	07-01-2006 Discharges
Sampling Methods	Sample Size Requirements	Option A: Quarterly Sampling Clarify the sampling criteria for SCIP	4-3	07-01-2006 Discharges
Sampling Methods	Sample Size Requirements	Option B: Monthly Sampling Clarify the sampling criteria for SCIP	4-5	07-01-2006 Discharges
Sampling Methods	Sample Size Requirements	Sample Size Examples Clarify the sampling criteria for SCIP	4-8	07-01-2006 Discharges