

Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures

Release Notes 2.6a

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Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2.6a 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 **blue highlighted** in the corresponding document. Exceptions: The additions and changes to the Algorithms are not blue 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 2.6 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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[Appendices](#)

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Effective 04/01/2009 Discharges				
Table of Contents	Table of Contents	There are differences in the measure names in the IPPS final rule for FY2009 and FY2010 compared to the measure names within the Specifications Manual.	Add new Appendix F- A crosswalk of current measure names to those listed in the IPPS final rule for FY 2009 and FY 2010 .	N/A
Using the Manual	Using the Manual	There are differences in the measure names in the IPPS final rule for FY2009 and FY2010 compared to the measure names within the Specifications Manual	Add new Appendix F- A crosswalk of current measure names to those listed in the IPPS final rule for FY 2009 and FY 2010 .	XI
Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) – Data Dictionary				
<i>Surgical Incision Time</i>				
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary Measures: SCIP-Inf-1 SCIP-Inf-2 SCIP-Inf-3 SCIP-VTE-1 SCIP-VTE-2	To correct an error.	<u>Guidelines for Abstraction</u> Remove term “Incision Time” from below “First Priority:” and replace it beside “First Priority:”	1-314
Data Transmission				
Data Transmission	Joint Commission Data Transmission Measures: PN-1	The usage of the measures for public reporting and accreditation purposes ends as of 4Q08 discharge data per the Final IPPS Rule	Change <u>Table 3</u> “Start – End Discharge Date” from 3/31/2009 to 12/31/2008 for PN-1 and PN-5b	9-9

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	PN-5b	<p>Notes:</p> <p>1 - The QIO Clinical Warehouse will evaluate the PN-1 and PN-5b measures for 1Q09 discharges if the measure is still valid per the hospital's Measure Designation. If PN-1 is still designated by the hospital, the PN-1 only data elements will be processed against the applicable v2.4 edits and the PN-1 algorithm will be evaluated. If PN-5b is still designated by the hospital, then the PN-5b algorithm will be evaluated. If a critical edit is triggered by the PN-1 data; or the PN-1 and/or PN-5b algorithms evaluates to a Category X, the case will be rejected per the Missing Data Policy.</p> <p>2 - The Joint Commission's Data Warehouse will treat PN-1 and PN-5b as 'optional' measures for Hospital Clinical Data (HCD) transmission of 1Q09 discharges. In addition, just like the QIO Clinical Warehouse, if PN-1 only data elements or the PN-1/PN-5b measure labels are transmitted and a critical edit is triggered by the PN-1</p>		

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		<p>data; or the PN-1 and/or PN-5b algorithms evaluates to a Category X, the case will be rejected per the Missing Data Policy.</p> <p>3 – The Joint Commission is automatically end-dating hospital’s usage of PN-1 and PN-5b as of 12/31/2008 discharges. Any aggregate* data transmitted for these measures for discharges after 12/31/2008 will be rejected. * Aggregate data includes both HCO-level aggregate (X12) data and Population and Sample Size (PaS) data.</p>		
Appendices				
Appendix A	Table 5.25 Discharge Status Disposition	The codes were inadvertently left off Table 5.25	<u>Table 5.25</u> Add 37.36 Excision or destruction of left atrial appendage (LAA) 37.55 Removal of internal biventricular heart replacement system 37.60 Implantation or insertion of biventricular external heart assist system	A-76
Appendix F	Appendix F	There are differences in the measure names in the IPPS final rule for FY2009 and FY2010 compared to the measure names within the Specifications Manual	Add new Appendix F- A crosswalk of current measure names to those listed in the IPPS final rule for FY 2009 and FY 2010 .	N/A