The Joint Commission increased its ORYX® performance measure reporting requirements for accredited general medical/surgical hospitals from a minimum of four (4) sets of core measures to at least six (6) sets of core measures for discharges effective January 1, 2014. (See the December 2012 Perspectives issue, pages 3–5, for the announcement.)

The additional measure set selections, which are due November 1, 2013, comprise both mandatory and discretionary measure sets. Mandatory measure sets include the following measure sets:

- Acute myocardial infarction (AMI)
- Heart failure (HF)
- Pneumonia (PN)
- Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP)
- Perinatal care (PC)—for hospitals with 1,100 or more live births per year

The discretionary sixth measure set (or fifth and sixth measure sets, for hospitals with fewer than 1,100 births per year) can be chosen from among the remaining complement of core measure sets:

- Children’s asthma care (CAC)
- Hospital-based inpatient psychiatric services (HBIPS)
- Hospital outpatient (OP)
- Immunization (IMM)
- Emergency department (ED)
- Venous thromboembolism (VTE)
- Stroke (STK)
- Tobacco treatment (TOB)
- Substance use (SUB)
- Perinatal care (PC)—for hospitals with fewer than 1,100 live births per year

Please read the article that begins on page 12 for more information on the PC measure sets. Detailed information on each measure set is also available on The Joint Commission website at http://www.jointcommission.org/core_measure_sets.aspx.

### Changing Core Measure Selections

As outlined in the document posted September 9, 2013, to each affected hospital’s “Official E-mail” tab on its secure Joint Commission Connect™ extranet site, hospitals can update their current measure set/measure selections in one of the three ways shown in the box below.

Hospitals considering changes to their core measure selections are reminded that in August 2013 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced modifications to its hospital quality measures data reporting requirements under the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR) program. These changes have implications for Joint Commission-accredited hospitals that use the aligned CMS/Joint Commission National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures to meet Joint Commission ORYX® core measure reporting requirements. A synopsis of the modifications as they affect The Joint Commission accountability measures is available at http://www.jointcommission.org/core_measure_changes_that_impact_accountability_measures/.

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