



Direct
Data
Submission



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Dear Colleague:

Effective with January 1, 2020 patient discharges, accredited healthcare organizations (HCOs) will submit CY2020 ORYX® chart-abstracted data using the Direct Data Submission (DDS) Platform. This communication includes key information regarding the DDS Platform aggregate data entry requirements for CY2020.

The Joint Commission Guide for Data Entry of Chart-Abstracted Measures describes the aggregate data requirements for hospitals submitting chart-abstracted measure data. The Guide is derived from the applicable discharge reporting period *Specification Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures* and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services' *Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Specifications Manual*. The information in the Guide is intended to assist HCOs in their preparation for data entry of their aggregate data into the Joint Commission's DDS Platform.

On March 30, 2020 an update to the *Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures* was posted to the Joint Commission website. The Version 2020B1 manual update (discharges 7/1/2020 to 12/31/2020) corrected the SUB-2 and TOB-2 algorithms to process cases correctly when they were not screened/did not use a valid tool for Alcohol Use Status or were not screened for Tobacco Use. For additional details on this change, refer to the Release Notes and the V2020B1 specification manual.

As shared in our 3/26/2020 communication, The Joint Commission has modified chart-abstracted measure reporting for 4Q2019, 1Q2020 and 2Q2020 with optional reporting and extended submission timelines for hospitals choosing to submit available chart-abstracted data. Please see the communication on the Joint Commission [website](#) for more information.

Questions

Please contact hcooryx@jointcommission.org for questions, and include your HCO ID in the subject line.

Thank you