January 9, 2017

Dear Colleague,

RE: 2017 ORYX Measure Selections

In September 2016, The Joint Commission provided its accredited hospitals with information regarding the 2017 ORYX Performance Measurement Requirements. The purpose of this communication is to provide instructions for updating your 2017 ORYX measure selections.

Summary of 2017 Joint Commission ORYX Measurement Requirements

- For 2017, we have eliminated the measure set reporting requirement and measure selection and reporting is by individual measure.
- Hospitals report on 5 required chart-abstracted measures and a choice of 6 of 13 available electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs)
  - In addition, hospitals with at least 300 live births are required to report on all of the chart-abstracted perinatal care (PC) measures
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and Small Hospitals (ADC ≤ 10) report on a choice of 6 available measures
- Freestanding Psychiatric Hospitals report on 4 required Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services (HBIPS) measures
- Suspension of requirements continue for:
  - Freestanding children’s hospitals
  - Long term acute care hospitals
  - Inpatient rehabilitation facilities

ORYX measure selections are made using the OMS application on Joint Commission Connect. The following three documents provide additional information and can be found under the “Measurement” section of the Joint Commission’s website, ORYX Performance Measurement Reporting at http://www.jointcommission.org/performance_measurement.aspx.

1. **2017 ORYX Performance Measure Reporting Requirements**
2. **Joint Commission Measures Effective January 1, 2017** (also includes retired measures)
3. **FAQs About 2017 ORYX® Performance Measure Reporting Requirements**

Additional Information for Healthcare Systems

If you are a member of a healthcare system that is coordinating measure selections among its member hospitals, it may not be necessary to provide The Joint Commission with individual selections for each accredited organization. The healthcare system can provide The Joint
Commission with the necessary information, in a Joint Commission-developed standardized spreadsheet, listing each hospital and its measure selections. To obtain the spreadsheet, please contact hcooryx@jointcommission.org and include in the email subject line: Request 2017 ORYX measure selection spreadsheet for healthcare system.

Information Regarding Extenuating Circumstances

If your hospital believes it has an extenuating circumstance beyond its’ control (e.g., EHR implementation issues, natural disaster) that may impact the ability to report 2017 ORYX measure data to The Joint Commission for a defined period of time, please request the Extenuating Circumstance Form. Note: In making the request for the form, please indicate whether this is for an individual hospital or a healthcare system that has multiple facilities with a common mitigating situation. Send an email to hcooryx@jointcommission.org and include in the e-mail subject line: Request for Extenuating Circumstance Form – Individual Hospital (include HCO ID) or Healthcare System (Include Healthcare System Name).

Completion Date

We are requesting that all updates to accredited Hospital 2017 ORYX Measure Selections and Extenuating Circumstance Forms be completed by February 10, 2017.

If you have questions, please contact hcooryx@jointcommission.org, and include your HCO ID in your correspondence.

Thank for your continued support of The Joint Commission.

Division of Healthcare Quality Evaluation
The Joint Commission
Instructions for Completing 2017 ORYX Measure Selections

1. ORYX measure selections are made using the OMS application on Joint Commission Connect.
   - Joint Commission Connect can be found on The Joint Commission website (www.jointcommission.org).
   - The OMS application has been modified to accommodate individual measure selections.
   - Each hospital’s designated ORYX Measure Contact should have access to this site.

2. After logging into Joint Commission Connect, ORYX Measure Selection (OMS) is found under the Continuous Compliance Tab > Performance Measurement subheading.
   - From the Accreditation Program dropdown menu, select HAP or CAH.
   - For HAP, select the option applicable to your facility: Freestanding Psychiatric Facility or Small Hospital Average Daily Census (ADC) ≤ 10 or ADC >10.
   - Once an option is selected, required measures appear for which a hospital must submit data, as well as additional measures for which an organization may choose to report data.
   - For CAHs, the measures available for selection appear.

3. If you are unable to make all measure selections in one session, be sure to save your entries when leaving to prevent the need to start over. Please note: The measures retired as of December 31, 2016 have been automatically end-dated.

   NOTE: Before completing your ORYX Measure Selections, please carefully review the following detailed instructions found under the “Measurement” section of the Joint Commission’s website, ORYX Performance Measurement Reporting at http://www.jointcommission.org/performance_measurement.aspx

   2017 ORYX Measure Selection Instructions
   Freestanding Psychiatric Facility
   Small Hospital (ADC ≤10)
   Hospital (ADC >10)
   Critical Access Hospital

4. For 2017 eCQM data, there are two options available for hospitals to submit eCQM data: either through a listed ORYX vendor or through direct submission to The Joint Commission.
   - The Joint Commission will have in place the use of a secure extranet connection/portal to allow hospitals to directly submit their 2017 QRDA Category I files in 2018.
   - Be aware for those hospitals submitting data directly, there will be transmission fees matching those charged to ORYX vendors.
The Joint Commission is moving to a flat fee billing model for 2017 data submissions and is charging the eCQM vendor or hospital directly submitting $300 per hospital per year for all eCQMs transmitted.

In selecting eCQMs, you must indicate the listed ORYX eCQM vendor, or if you will direct submit, choose Direct Submission Vendor (0100-04).

5. Please notify your vendor(s) of your 2017 ORYX measure selections.