

Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures

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Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2013A1 provide modifications to the *Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National 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 Joint Commission National 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 01-01-2013**, unless otherwise specified. The headings are described below:

- **Impacts** - used to identify which portion(s) of the Manual Section is impacted by the change listed. Examples are Alphabetical Data Dictionary, (Measure Set) Data Element List, Measure Information Form (MIF) and Flowchart (Algorithm). The measures that the data element is collected for are identified.
- **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: In addition to being called out specifically in the Release Notes document, simple additions will be grey highlighted in the Release notes.
- **Rationale** - provided for the change being made.

Data elements that cross multiple measures and contain the same changes will be consolidated.

Impacts: PC-04 Measure Algorithm

Rationale: To align with NHQM. Send the algorithm to Category Assignment 'X' when *Discharge Disposition* is missing.

Description of Changes:

Change the on-page connector from PC-04 K to PC-04 R for *ICD-9-CM Other Diagnosis codes* at least one on table 11.15, 11.16, 11.16.1, 11.17

Add the following branches into the algorithm after the branch of verifying *Birth Weight* is missing or UTD:

1. Check *Birth Weight* range
2. Check *ICD-9-CM Principal or Other Procedure codes* on table 11.18 or 11.19
3. Check *ICD-9-CM Principal Diagnosis code* on table 11.10.3
4. Check *Discharge Disposition* is missing or = 6

Impacts: PC-05 Measure Information Form

Rationale: To correct typo.

Description of Changes:

Denominator Statement – Included Populations:

Change from: Liveborn newborns with *ICD-9-CM Principal Diagnosis Code or ICD-9-CM Other Diagnosis Codes* for single liveborn newborn as defined in Appendix A, Table 11.20.1

To:

Liveborn newborns with *ICD-9-CM Principal Diagnosis Code* for single liveborn newborn as defined in Appendix A, Table 11.20.1

Impacts: PC Initial Patient Population Algorithm

Rationale: To ease the burden of using *Discharge Disposition* in the BSI (PC-04) Initial Patient Population logic, guidance of how to map *Discharge Status* to *Discharge Disposition* is provided in a notebox in the BSI population algorithm page.

Description of Changes:

PC-Newborns with BSI subpopulation Page

Add: Note: To determine eligible cases using Discharge Status codes, Discharge

Status value = 20 has the same description as Discharge Disposition value=6