

Release Notes to the Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures- v2010B1 (10-1-2010)

Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2010B1 provide modifications to the *Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core 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 Core 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 **10-01-2010** 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, Measure Information Form (MIF) and Flowchart (Algorithm). The measures that the data element is collected for are identified.
- **Rationale** – provided to identify why the change is 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 **yellow highlighted** in the corresponding document. Exceptions: The additions and changes to the Algorithms are not yellow highlighted, and the Hospital Initial Patient Population and Clinical Data XML File Layouts are **yellow highlighted** in the cells that have a change in them and the actual changes are **bolded**.

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.***

Section	Impacts	Rationale	Description of Changes
Effective 10/01/2010 Discharges			
Algorithm-MIF	PC-02	To correct the typo on defined variable name	Change the variable name “Patient Age at Discharge” to “Patient Age”, which is defined in the Initial Patient Population algorithm flow.
Appendix A	Table 11.07	Code table were updated to reflect additional exclusions	<u>Appendix A-Table 11.07</u> Add: Codes 648.01, 663.5, 655.80 Delete: Code 648.02
Appendix A	Table 11.01	Code table was updated to reflect changes in ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes released from	<u>Appendix A-Table 11.01</u> Change: Code title 646.31from: Habitual aborter, delivered w/ or w/out mention of antepartum condition, HABITUAL ABORTER-DELIVER to: Recurrent pregnancy loss, delivered, with or without mention of antepartum condition, RECURNT PREG LOSS-DELIV

		CMS	
Appendix A	Table 11.10.1	To correct error in decimal point	<u>Appendix A-Table 11.10.1</u> Change: Code 1125 to 112.5
Appendix A	Table 11.18	Code table was updated to reflect changes in ICD-9-CM procedure codes released from CMS	<u>Appendix A-Table 11.18</u> Add: Codes 00.60, 32.27, 39.81, 39.82, 39.83, 39.84, 39.85, 39.86, 39.87, 39.88, 39.89, 81.88 Delete: Code 39.8 Change: Code title 81.80 from TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACE to OTH TOTL SHOULDR REPLACE