

Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures

Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2011A1 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 10-01-2011 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.
- **Rationale** - provided for the change being made.

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

Note: The changes below will become effective with discharges beginning October 1, 2011.

Appendix A

Impacts: HBIPS-1, HBIPS-3, HBIPS-4, HBIPS-5, HBIPS-6, HBIPS-7, PC-01, PC-02, PC-03, PC-04, PC-05

Description of Changes:

Table 10.01

Add

294.20

294.21

310.81

310.89

Remove

310.80

Revise

307.0

Table 11.01

Add

649.81

649.82

Revise

646.71

Table 11.07

Add

655.81

Remove

655.80

663.50

Revise

646.71

Table 11.09

Add

652.81

Table 11.18

Add

38.26

Revise

00.56

Rationale: To update code tables with corrected codes and code changes effective October 1, 2011.