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Dear Primary Measurement System Contact:

The following issues were recently identified in the Perinatal Care (PC) measures in the Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures, V2012A effective with January 1, 2012 discharges.

In Appendix A, Table 11.11 the invalid diagnosis code 041.40 has been removed and replaced with codes 041.41, 041.42, 041.43 and 041.49.

For the data element *Gestational Age* the following has been added to the Notes for Abstraction when determining gestational age: **ONE EXCEPTION ONLY**: When the gestational age is documented as 32 weeks and 1-6 days gestation then the value should be rounded up to 33.

These corrections have already been incorporated in Version2012A of the Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures.