

**Release Notes to the Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures- v2010A2 (1-11-2010)**

**Guidelines for Using Release Notes**

Release Notes 2010A2 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 **04-01-2010** 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.

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.***

<b>Section</b>	<b>Impacts</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Description of Changes</b>
<b>Effective 04/01/2010 Discharges</b>			
Measure Information	Measure Information Form (MIF) PC-01	To correct the denominator and numerator populations	<p><u>Numerator Included Populations</u>  <b>Change</b> second bullet from “Cesarean section as defined in Appendix A, Table 11.06” to “Cesarean section as defined in Appendix A, Table 11.06 while not in <i>Active Labor</i> or experiencing <i>Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes</i>”</p> <p><u>Numerator Data Elements</u>  <b>Add</b> <i>Active Labor</i> and <i>Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes</i>  <b>Change</b> <i>ICD-9-CM Other Procedure Dates</i> to <i>ICD-9-CM Other Procedure Codes</i></p> <p><u>Denominator Excluded Populations</u>  <b>Remove</b> <i>Active Labor</i> and <i>Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes</i></p> <p><u>Denominator Data Elements</u>  <b>Remove</b> <i>Active Labor</i> and <i>Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes</i></p>

Measure Information	Algorithm – PC-01	To correct the denominator and numerator populations	<b>Change</b> the order of Data Elements and associated branches in the PC-01 algorithm flow after <i>Clinical Trail</i> due to the revision of denominator and numerator populations.