

Release Notes for the 2015A1 Manual

Measure Information Forms

Section	Rationale	Description
HBIPS	Pharmacy Logs concept needs to go to Learning Lab process and will be refined for a future release	All references to Pharmacy log concept removed in this version and HBIPS Initial Patient Population is back to version 2014A.

Data Elements

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CMS Certification Number	HF and PN are retired from TJC manual	Removed all references to PN and HF
Health Care Organization Identifier	PN and HF are retired from TJC	Change Description: Remove all references to PN and HF
Initial Patient Population Size Medicare Only	PN and HF are retired and since CAC-1 and CAC-2 are retired, CAC is not a stratified measure set any more	Remove all references to PN and HF Remove CAC from list of stratified measure sets
Initial Patient Population Size Non-Medicare Only	HF and PN are retired from TJC manual. CAC is not a stratified measure set any more.	All references to HF and PN are removed. CAC is removed from Stratified measures sets.
Measure Set	HF and PN are retired from TJC manual	Removed references to PN and HF
Predicted Value	Only PC has risk adjusted measures using Predicated value	Removed all measure sets except PC from Collects For list

Sample Size Medicare Only	HF and PN are retired, CAC is not stratified anymore.	Removed all references to HF and PN and removed CAC from Stratified list
Sample Size Non-Medicare Only	HF and PN are retired, CAC is not stratified anymore	All references to HF and PN are removed, CAC is removed from the list of stratified.
Sampling Frequency	HF and PN are retired from TJC manual. CAC is not a stratified measure set any more	All references to PN and HF are removed, and CAC is removed from stratified measure sets.
Vendor Tracking Identifier	HF and PN are retired.	All references to PN and HF are removed.

Supplemental Materials

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Appendix A - ICD-9-CM Code Tables	Maintenance of Tables per recommendation of PC Advisory Panel. Removal of HF, AMI and PN measure sets from TJC manual.	Added the following codes to Table 11.07: 655.71, 674.51, 674.52 Removed Tables 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Appendix C - Medication Tables	Removal of HF, AMI and PN measure sets from TJC manual.	Remove - Tables 1.1, 1.2, 1.7 and 8.1.
Appendix D - Glossary of Terms	Appendix D was changed to align with NHQM.	Removed "or Table 6.3 for a listing of CAC systemic corticosteroid medications." from the following sentence: Refer to Appendix C, Table 2.15 for a listing of PN systemic corticosteroid medications.
Appendix P - preview section of ICD-10 Crosswalks of code tables	Maintenance of crosswalk tables.	Added codes to Table 11.07.
Appendix P - preview section of ICD-10 Code Tables	Maintenance of code tables.	Codes were added to Table 11.07.

Introduction to the Manual	HF measure set is retired from TJC manual.	Remove the following paragraph: Those measures that were determined not to meet these criteria have been designated as non-accountability measures. Four of the six non-accountability measures that were common between CMS and The Joint Commission were retired by both organizations. The Joint Commission will continue to support the two remaining non-accountability measures (discharge instructions and LVS function assessment [heart failure care]) that are in common with CMS.
Missing and Invalid Data	PET HCD application to moved to new location.	Change - the path to the Feedback Edit document updated to the new location on Extranet.
Sampling	Retirement of HF and PN measure sets. Vendor Aggregation is no longer needed by TJC.	Removed PN and HF from algorithm flow. Removal of all references to the data elements needed for Aggregation, Sample and ICD Population
Transmission Data Processing Flow: Clinical	Clarification of xml files created for PC measure set. Retirement of HF and PN. CAC measure set is no longer stratified.	Add: In the section Transmission Data Processing Flow, after the first paragraph: PC measure set contains 3 sub-populations, PC-Mother, PC-BSI and PC-Breast Feeding sub-populations. Each PC Mother case needs to be reported in one xml file, and each PC-Baby case needs to be reported in one xml. If the PC-Baby case belongs to both Baby-BSI and Baby Breast Feeding sub-populations and is sampled for Baby-Breast Feeding, it should report both PC-04 and PC-05 measures in the same xml file Remove - all references to HF and PN. Removed CAC from stratified measure set list.
Transmission of Data	PET HCD application to moved to new location. Vendor aggregation is no longer needed. Retirement of HF and PN.	Change - the path to the Feedback Edit document updated to the new location on Extranet. Change - Measure set combination list changed to an excel file - attached. Remove - All references to vendor aggregation. Remove - All references to HF and PN.

General Release Notes

Rationale	Description
Removal of measure sets HF, AMI and PN from The Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures.	Remove - all references to the measure sets HF, AMI and PN.