

Release Notes to the Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures- v2010A (10-1-2009)

Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes 2010A 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.
- **Page-** the beginning page number is from the 2.2 version of the manual

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 04/01/2010 Discharges			
<i>The Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures- Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services (HBIPS) Core Measure Set Version 2.2 has been replaced with The Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures Version 2010A. Throughout the manual, HBIPS has been replaced with Joint Commission when referring to quality core measures. In addition to the HBIPS measures, the Perinatal Care (PC) measure set has been added to this manual. Changes denoted below are directly related to material changes to the HBIPS measure set only.</i>			
Data Dictionary			
<i>Minutes of Physical Restraint Minutes of Seclusion</i>			
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary HBIPS-2 HBIPS-3	To clarify format To clarify documentation	<u>Format</u> Change Type from Numeric to Alphanumeric <u>Notes for Abstraction</u> Add the following phrase to the first statement in the third paragraph: “OR the total number of minutes” .
<i>Number of Antipsychotic Medications Prescribed at Discharge</i>			

Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary HBIPS-2 HBIPS-3	To clarify format	<u>Format</u> Change Type from Numeric to Alphanumeric
<i>Payment Source</i>			
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary HBIPS-1 HBIPS-4 HBIPS-5 HBIPS-6 HBIPS-7	To be consistent with the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures V3.1.	<u>Notes for Abstraction</u> • Add the following statement as a second bullet point: If the patient has Medicaid only or Medicaid and another insurance type, other than Medicare, select “2”. If the patient has Medicaid and Medicare, select “1”.
<i>Psychiatric Inpatient Days-Medicare Only</i> <i>Psychiatric Inpatient Days Non--Medicare Only</i>			
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary HBIPS-2 HBIPS-3	The Joint Commission is moving away from using the term ‘Performance Measurement System’ for our ORYX listed vendors To correct allowable values	<u>Defintion</u> Change performance measurement systems to ORYX vendors in the 2 nd sentence of the 2 nd paragraph of definition. <u>Allowable Values</u> Change from 1-999999 to 0-999999
<i>Total Leave Days-Medicare Only</i> <i>Total Leave Days Non-Medicare Only</i>			
Data Dictionary	Alphabetical Data Dictionary HBIPS-2 HBIPS-3	The Joint Commission is moving away from using the term ‘Performance Measurement System’ for our ORYX listed vendors	<u>Defintion</u> Change performance measurement systems to ORYX vendors in the 2 nd sentence of the 2 nd paragraph of definition.
Algorithm-MIF	HBIPS-3	To correct Page Connector typo in order to match the prior page connector	Change the wording inside of the Page Connector from “HBIPS-3I” to “HBIPS-3H”.