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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

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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.