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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting (VIQR) Outreach and Education Support Contractor are pleased to notify Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program participants that the *Specifications Manual for National Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Measures (IPF Specifications Manual)*, version 1.2, effective January 1, 2024, is available for download. The IPF Specifications Manual references the XML file layouts for clinical measure and non-measure data, which are published as separate Excel spreadsheets.

Key updates to version 1.2 include abstraction details for the *Sex, Physician 1, Physician 2, Blood Glucose, Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index (BMI), and Lipid Panel* data elements. Additional clarification is provided regarding the CMS Certification Numbers (CCNs) that are eligible to participate in the IPFQR Program and how to properly include them in XML files.

Refer to version 1.2 of the release notes for more information about the manual changes. The manual and release notes documents are posted to the [IPF Specifications Manuals](#) page of the [QualityNet](#) website.

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