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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 1.2a, 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 1.2a include updates to the Index Table of Data Elements to reflect the removal of the HBIPS-5 and TOB-2/2a measures from the IPFQR program, clarification regarding the Non-Measure Data population, and the addition of the sex related data elements. In this addendum, three data elements (*Sex Assigned at Birth, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation*) are being added, effective with July 1, 2024 discharges, in order to bring CMS closer to alignment with best practices and the United States Core Data for Interoperability without requiring additional data collection. The *Sex Assigned at Birth* element will be required, while the *Gender Identity* and *Sexual Orientation* elements are voluntary.

Refer to version 1.2a 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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