Guidelines for Using Release Notes

Release Notes Version 6.1a provides a high-level overview of changes to the *Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual*. This Release Notes document is to be used as a reference and is not intended to be used to develop abstraction tools. Please refer to the *Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual* for references to the complete and current technical specification and abstraction information.

These notes are organized to follow the Table of Contents in the *Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual*. The headings are described below:

- **Impacts** – used to identify the impacted measures and portion(s) of the *Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual* section (e.g., Measure Specifications, Appendix).
- **Rationale** – provided for the change being made.
- **Description of Changes** – used to identify the section within the document where the change occurs (e.g., Definition, Denominator Statement, Reporting Period).

TITLE PAGE – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual

Impacts: Title Page

Rationale: Updates the version number and the effective date to enable users to determine which Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) manual is relevant to the discharge period in question.

Description of Changes:

Changed the text below the document title to:
"**Version 6.1a**
Publication date: August 30, 2021
Effective date: January 1, 2021
(All data that are to be reported to CMS in calendar year 2022)"

SECTION 1 – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program

Impacts: Glossary of Terms

Rationale: Provides correct hyperlink to ensure users can access information regarding advance directives for non-psychiatric care.

Description of Changes:

Changed the first hyperlink in the definition of the term Advance directive to
https://www.caringinfo.org/planning/advance-directives/

SECTION 2 – Measure Details

Impacts: Table 1: Specification Resources for IPFQR Program Measures

Rationale: Provides updated URLs to access the *Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures*, the PDF for the Transition Record measures' specifications, and the IPFQR Program Claims-Based Measure Specifications.

Description of Changes:

Changed the URL of the *Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures* throughout the document to:

[Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures](#)

Changed the URL of the *Care Transitions – Performance Measures Set* to:

[Care Transitions – Performance Measures Set](#)

Removed reference to "(*American Medical Association [AMA] – convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® [PCPI]"* in the second row of Table 1.

Changed the URL of the *IPFQR Program Claims-Based Measure Specifications* to:

[IPFQR Program Claims-Based Measure Specifications](#)

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Impacts: Identifying the IPFQR Program Patient Population

Rationale: Provides updated URL to access the PDF for the transition record measures' specifications.

Description of Change:

Changed the URL of the *Care Transitions – Performance Measures Set* under the **Identifying the Initial Patient Population** sub-header to:

[Care Transitions – Performance Measures Set](#)
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Impacts: Chart Abstraction

Rationale: Provides updates to ensure users can abstract data appropriately for the SUB-2/-2a, TOB-2/-2a, and Transition Record measures for calendar year 2021 discharges.

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Description of Changes:

Changed the text in the third paragraph on page 20 below the SUB-2: Alcohol Use Brief Intervention Provided or Offered and the subset SUB-2a: Alcohol Use Brief Intervention sub-header to:

"The **denominator** for the SUB-2 measure is the number of hospital inpatients 18 years of age and older who screen positive for unhealthy alcohol use or an alcohol use disorder (alcohol abuse or alcohol dependence). The SUB-2a **denominator** is the same as that of the SUB-2 measure but excludes those who were screened with a non-validated tool within the first day of admission (by end of Day 1) and those not screened for alcohol use within the first day of admission (by end of Day 1), or it was unable to be determined from medical record documentation. Both measures exclude patients who are less than 18 years of age, are cognitively impaired, who refused to be screened for alcohol use status during the hospital stay, or who have Comfort Measures Only documented. Exclusions based on LOS are determined using the current specifications manual."

Changed the text in the fourth paragraph on page 21 below the TOB-2: Tobacco Use Treatment Provided or Offered and the subset TOB-2a: Tobacco Use Treatment sub-header to:

"The **denominator** for the TOB-2 measure includes the number of hospitalized patients 18 years of age and older identified as current tobacco users. The TOB-2a **denominator** is the same as that of the TOB-2 measure but excludes those whose tobacco use status is unknown. Both measures exclude patients who are less than 18 years of age, are cognitively impaired, are not current tobacco users, who refused screening for tobacco use during the hospital stay, or who have Comfort Measures Only documented. Exclusions based on LOS are determined using the current specifications manual."

Changed the URL of the *Care Transitions – Performance Measures Set* below the **Timely Transmission of Transition Record** sub-header to:

https://qualitynet.cms.gov/files/602d8a8b6bb42a002559574e?filename=AMA_PCPI_Care_Transitions_2016.pdf.

Section 9 – Resources

Impacts: Specifications Manuals for Chart-Based Measures

Rationale: Revised URL to provide IPFs access to the PDF version of the *Care Transitions – Performance Measurement Set* specifications for the Transition Record measures.

Description of Change:

Changed the URL below the sentence under the ***Care Transitions – Performance Measurement Set*** sub-header to:

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"https://qualitynet.cms.gov/files/602d8a8b6bb42a002559574e?filename=AMA_PCPI_Care_Transitions_2016.pdf"

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Impacts: Claims-Based Measures Specifications

Rationale: Provides updated URL to access the IPFQR Program Claims-Based Measure Specifications.

Description of Changes:

Changed the link to the IPFQR Program Claims-Based Measure Specifications from the QualityNet IPFQR Program Resources webpage to:

QualityNet: IPFQR Measures Resources