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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) determined that addenda are required for the *Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program Manual*, Version 6.1a, effective January 1, 2021 and Version 7.0a, effective January 1, 2022.

Two notable corrections in each addendum is the description of the denominators for the Alcohol Use Brief Intervention (SUB-2a) and Tobacco Use Treatment (TOB-2a) measures regarding exclusions that are effective for discharges beginning January 1, 2021 (Version 6.1a) and January 1, 2022 (Version 7.0a). Specifically, each addendum notes that the SUB-2a denominator is the same as that of the Alcohol Use Brief Intervention Provided or Offered (SUB-2) measure (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)), but the SUB-2a measure denominator excludes those who were screened with a non-validated tool or 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. Likewise, the addendum notes that the TOB-2a denominator is the same as that of the TOB-2 measures but excludes those whose tobacco use status is unknown. Each addendum also includes corrected URLs for recently updated QualityNet and Joint Commission webpages.

Additional information about the manual changes can be found in version 6.1a and version 7.0a of the release notes. Each addendum and release notes document has been posted to the [IPFQR Program Resources and Tools](#) webpage of the [Quality Reporting Center](#) website. These resources will be available on the [IPFQR Program Manuals](#) page of the [QualityNet](#) website at a later date.

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