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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 determined that addenda are required for these versions of the *Specifications Manual for National Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Measures* (IPF Specifications Manual):

- Version 1.0b, effective January 1, 2022
- Version 1.1b, effective January 1, 2023

CMS updated the specifications manuals in response to feedback from IPFQR Program stakeholders that was provided during the recent summer submission period. The addenda are posted to the [IPF Specifications Manuals](#) page of the [QualityNet](#) website for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program.

Key updates to both addenda include:

- Data dictionary data elements
- Updated data transmission guidance regarding reporting facility-level data in XML files
- Clarification in the XML file layouts.

Additionally, in version 1.0b references to the Timely Transmission of Transition Record and Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness measures were removed.

The updated versions can be accessed on QualityNet at www.qualitynet.cms.gov/. Select the Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities tile, then select the IPF Specifications Manual v1.1a tile. Options are available to download the entire manual, download the release notes, or view specific sections of the manual on the QualityNet IPF Specifications Manuals web page. A complete list of changes to the addenda can be found in versions 1.0b and 1.1a of the release notes.

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