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Version 5.14 of the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures* for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program is now posted to CMS' QualityNet website (<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/>). Use version 5.14 of the manual with acute inpatient discharges from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

The following are items of special interest:

- Introduction to the data dictionary General Abstraction Guideline updates
- Data dictionary data element updates
- Transmission data dictionary data element updates

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