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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determined that an addendum is required for the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures, Version 5.15a*, for implementation with acute inpatient discharges effective January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. The addendum has been posted to QualityNet ([www.QualityNet.org](http://www.QualityNet.org)) for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program.

This addendum includes updates related to the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-10 sepsis diagnosis codes and the removal of the Perinatal Care (PC)-01 references throughout the manual. The following sections of the specifications manual that are of interest include:

- Alphabetical Data Dictionary
- Section 10.1 CMS Outcome Measures
- Appendix A

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