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Version 5.15 of the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures* for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program is now posted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services QualityNet website (<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/>). Use Version 5.15 of the manual with acute inpatient discharges from January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The following items are of special interest:

- Introduction to the data dictionary General Abstraction Guideline updates
- Data dictionary data element updates
- Inpatient Web-Based Measures updates

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