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IPFQR Program Manual, Version 3.1 and Updated Paper Tools Review

Questions and Answers Transcript

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Question 1: **Has Version 3.1 been released yet?**

Version 3.1 of the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual and the associated Release Notes document are available for download at the *Quality Reporting Center* [IPFQR Program Resources and Tools](#) page and the *QualityNet* [IPFQR Program Resources](#) page.

Question 2: **Is Day 1 (first day) still considered the day after admission?**

Yes. The Alcohol Use Status and Tobacco Use Status screenings must have occurred within the first day of admission (by end of Day 1). This includes the day of admission, which is defined as Day 0, and the day after admission, which is defined as Day 1.

Question 3: **The optional paper tool for the transition record measures includes this statement in the definition of the element Principal Diagnosis at Discharge: “Documentation in the physician's final progress note may be used.” Isn't this information supposed to be faxed to the next level of care provider? Please clarify if IPFs should abstract from progress notes that are not faxed to the next level of care provider. You indicated that the physician’s final diagnosis could be utilized from a final progress note. Does this mean that we no longer need to find this on the transition record?**

No. To meet the Principal Diagnosis at Discharge element, the transition record **must** include documentation of the principal diagnosis at discharge, even if it is included elsewhere in the patient’s record. The statement (“Documentation in the physician's final progress note may be used.”) is intended to inform where the principal diagnosis at discharge might be found in a patient’s record. The transition record is a stand-alone document that may be transmitted to the next level of care



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provider via fax, email, mail, or through shared electronic medical record.

Question 4:

The manual states that the implementation date is 12/7/17; however, what discharges does this manual relate to? Many hospitals have already completed about 75 percent of their calendar year 2017 data collection.

The manual references several calendar years and includes information that is applicable to data abstraction for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. The most recent updates will apply to discharges beginning January 1, 2018. This is described in the Measure Stewardship and Specifications section of the IPFQR Program Manual: “When abstracting data, it is important for IPFs and vendors to use the specifications applicable to the time period for which the data are being abstracted.” Refer to Table 1 on pages 8–9 of the IPFQR Program Manual, which is downloadable from the *Quality Reporting Center* [IPFQR Program Resources and Tools](#) page and the *QualityNet* [IPFQR Program Resources](#) page.

Question 5:

We downloaded the IPFQR Program measures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and FY 2018 before. It is very helpful. I am looking for the same documentation for FY 2019. Do you know where we can download it?

The Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual, Version 3.1, lists the IPFQR Program measures for FY 2019 in Section 2: Measure Details on pages 11–12. Version 3.1 of the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program Manual and the associated Release Notes document are available for download at the *Quality Reporting Center* [IPFQR Program Resources and Tools](#) page and the *QualityNet* [IPFQR Program Resources](#) page.



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Question 6:

Page 14 in Version 3.1 of the IPFQR Program Manual is different than Version 3.0 of the manual. Both sampling options are listed on page 14 in Version 3.1 of the manual. Are you referring to Option 2 on page 14 in Version 3.1 of the manual as the Global Sampling Methodology?

Yes, the Global Sampling Methodology referenced on slides 15 and 21 of the presentation pertains to Option 2 as it is described in the IPFQR Program Manual, Version 3.1, on pages 14–15.