

Five or Fewer Discharges for a Measure Set 01/01/09 Discharges

AMI, HF, and PN Measure Sets:

- ❖ Effective with 01/01/2009 discharges, per the IPPS Final Rule, hospitals that have five or fewer AMI, HF, or PN discharges (both Medicare and non-Medicare combined) in a quarter are not required to submit AMI, HF, or PN patient level data to the QIO Clinical Warehouse.
- ❖ If the hospital chooses to submit the patient level data then they are required to adhere to the sampling requirements and would be required to submit 100% of the Initial Patient Population.

Example:

A hospital's AMI Initial Patient Population is 4 patients during the first quarter.

- Submission of patient level data is not required.
- If the hospital chooses to submit patient level data, the required quarterly sample size would be 100% of the patient population or 4 cases for the quarter.

SCIP Measure Set:

- ❖ Effective with 01/01/2009 discharges, hospitals that have five or fewer SCIP discharges for the **entire measure set** (both Medicare and non-Medicare combined) in a quarter are not required to submit SCIP patient level data to the QIO Clinical Warehouse.
- ❖ If the hospital chooses to submit the patient level data then they are required to adhere to the sampling requirements and would be required to submit 100% of the Initial Patient Population.

Example:

The SCIP Initial Patient Population sizes for a hospital are 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, and 1 patient's respectively per stratum for the quarter.

- Since the total Initial Patient Population for SCIP is 5, the hospital may choose to not submit patient level data.
- If the hospital chooses to submit patient level data, the required quarterly sample sizes for each stratum would be 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, and 1. The 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, and 8th strata are less than the minimum required quarterly sample size, so 100% of each of these strata is sampled. There is no data to sample for the 3rd, 4th, and 6th strata.

HCAHPS: For information on HCAHPS please go to www.hcaphponline.org

Initial Patient Population and Sample Counts

- ❖ Hospitals with five or fewer discharges for a measure set in a quarter who choose not to submit patient level data are still **required to submit the Initial Patient Population and Sample Size counts**.

- ❖ The Initial Patient Population Size, Medicare and Non-Medicare, must contain the actual number of patients in the population even if the hospital has five or fewer discharges in a quarter and has decided to not submit patient level data. The Sample Size, Medicare and Non-Medicare, would be zero.

Initial Patient Population and Sample Counts – 01/01/2009 Discharges ONLY

- ❖ *Sampling Frequency* should be submitted as value ‘2’ (Yes, the hospital is sampling data quarterly) as the five and fewer discharges applies to the total population count for the quarter.
- ❖ Submit the actual Population Size (0 – 5) and submit “0” as the Sample Size.

Example:

➤ **Measures Manager On-Line Application Tool**

- Select quarterly sampling
- Enter the actual population size (0-5) and enter “0” as the sample size
- An “Informational” edit will display that the sample size does not meet the sampling requirements.

➤ **XML File Submitted to the QIO Clinical Warehouse**

- *Sampling Frequency* should be submitted as value ‘2’ (Yes, the hospital is sampling quarterly)
- An “Informational” edit will be received:
 - Sample Size does not adhere to quarterly sampling specifications for the measure set; or
 - Sample Size does not adhere to quarterly sampling specifications for the SCIP stratum measure set

Example:

- A hospital’s AMI Initial Patient Population is 5 patients during the first quarter and chooses to not submit patient level data.

The breakdown of data by month and Medicare/Non-Medicare is:

	April	May	June	Total
Initial Patient Population – Medicare patients	1	0	2	3
Initial Patient Population – Non-Medicare patients	0	1	1	2
Total Initial Patient Population Size	1	1	3	5
Sample Size – Medicare patients	0	0	0	0
Sample Size – Non-Medicare patients	0	0	0	0
Total Sample Size	0	0	0	0

The following is transmitted for each month in the quarter:

	April	May	June
<i>ICD Population Size</i> (<i>Initial Patient Population Size – Medicare Only +</i> <i>Initial Patient Population Size – Non-Medicare Only</i>)	1	1	3
<i>Initial Patient Population Size – Medicare Only</i>	1	0	2
<i>Initial Patient Population Size – Non-Medicare Only</i>	0	1	1
<i>Sample (clinical XML file)</i>	N	N	N
<i>Sampling Frequency (2 = Quarterly)</i>	2	2	2
<i>Sample Size – Medicare Only</i>	0	0	0
<i>Sample Size – Non-Medicare Only</i>	0	0	0

- A hospital's AMI Initial Patient Population is 5 patients during the first quarter and chooses to submit patient level data.

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<i>Initial Patient Population Size – Non-Medicare Only</i>	0	1	1
<i>Sample</i>	N	N	N
<i>Sampling Frequency (3 = Not Sampling)</i>	3	3	3
<i>Sample Size – Medicare Only</i>	1	0	2
<i>Sample Size – Non-Medicare Only</i>	0	1	1