

# Florida and California Inpatient National Projects Resources

## Abstraction assistance or questions about specific topic areas:

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- Tips for abstraction questions:
  - First, carefully review the data element definition in the *Specifications Manual Data Dictionary*
  - Check the Quest Q&As (access from [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org), under “Frequently Asked Questions” in the lower right corner of the home page)
  - Contact one of the above project coordinators!
- When contacting us, please try to send us an e-mail whenever possible and call us by telephone as a second choice. This helps us to answer requests in the order they arrive and to help everyone as quickly as we can. If you need something by a specific time, please let us know!
- For abstraction questions, please include the topic, discharge quarter, and data element(s) you need help with.

## HQA (Hospital Quality Alliance) E-mail List

- Used to quickly disseminate important information pertaining to inpatient abstraction, reporting, and validation...not an interactive listserv and you will not receive a stream of notices every day.
- **Subscription is *highly recommended* for data abstractors, CMS/Core Measure supervisors, and Medical Records/HIM supervisors.**
- Subscribe at <http://lists.flqio.org/mailman/listinfo/hqa> (requires an e-mail address and creation of a personal password)

## Quarterly “In the Know” Webinars

- Information on:
  - Validation results and lessons learned
  - Abstraction clarifications
  - Current *Specifications Manual* reminders and important changes in upcoming *Specifications Manuals*
  - Validation appeal process information
  - Data reporting (Population and Sampling and Clinical Data) and upcoming deadlines
  - Hospital Compare preview periods, release dates, and data suppression information
  - Q&As
- Save these dates! (1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pacific time)
  - July 23, 2009
  - October 22, 2009
  - January 28, 2010
- Flyers with registration info will be emailed to primary contacts and posted to the HQA e-mail list approximately 3 weeks prior to each webinar.



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