

California Inpatient RHQDAPU 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 <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. Eastern time)
 - July 23, 2009
 - October 22, 2009
 - January 28, 2010
- Flyers with registration info will be e-mailed to primary contacts and posted to the HQA e-mail list approximately 3 weeks prior to each Webinar.