

Timeline for 2011 National Hospital Quality Measures Specifications Manual (Inpatient) & Release Note Updates

Goal: One release of the CMS/Joint Commission Specifications Manual for Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures is scheduled for implementation in 2011 rather than the usual two releases in order to align the release dates with the Outpatient Specifications Manual Schedule beginning 2012.

Addendums may be necessary to accommodate:

- National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) updates as they occur
- ICD-9-CM code change implementation dates
- Significant typographical errors or omissions
- Guideline changes

Release	Implementation Date (for discharges beginning)	Latest date for Professional Input on Measures	Projected Date for Specifications Manual & Release Note Updates
April 2011	04/01/2011 ¹	07/01/2010 ²	10/01/2010 ³ (180 days)

¹ This version of the manual will cover three calendar quarters 04/01/2011 through 12/31/2011

² Ten months prior to the implementation date depending on impact analysis of the change requested

³ Dates may vary based on when the ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee releases code changes