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Featured Items

Celebrate National Hospital Week, May 10-16, 2009

CFMC and hospitals across Colorado are celebrating their strong commitment in these changing times. Times change, our commitment doesn't. That's a great reason to celebrate! Join us in recognizing National Hospital Week: a healthy commitment in changing times. The people who meet the daily health care needs of this nation are a committed, compassionate group of individuals united by their calling to help others. Health care is changing to meet new challenges, but our commitment is an enduring source of pride and confidence. National Hospital Week began in 1921 and, over the decades, has helped revolutionize the public view of hospitals.

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Information about H1N1 Influenza ("Swine Flu") Public Health Emergency – previously reported

The current H1N1 influenza ("swine flu") situation is being addressed across a broad spectrum of public and private organizations and CFMC is providing the following resources and links to stay abreast of the most current information.

For the most current information about swine flu, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at: www.cdc.gov/swineflu. You will find consumer and provider fact sheets, current information, and steps you can take to protect yourself against infection.

At the CDC site you will also be able to download a widget that you can post to your own website to help your patients and constituents get the most current and accurate information. English and Spanish versions are available immediately. Please post both. To add the H1N1 influenza information widgets to your own websites, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/web/library/index.html#HHSWidgets>. You will notice that there are two choices of widgets for each language. Please select the size that works best for your site design. The size dimensions are embedded in the widget code. Do not change the color scheme of the widgets or their content.

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Addendum to Version 3.0 of the Hospital Inpatient Specification Manual

Based on the ongoing national hospital quality measure maintenance and alignment discussions, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and The Joint Commission have identified omissions or typographical errors that require revision to Version 3.0 of the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures for discharges beginning October 1, 2009.

Alphabetical Data Dictionary

- **Data Element *Perioperative Death***- SCIP VTE-1 and SCIP VTE-2 were added to "Collected For"
- **Data Element *Temperature***- Corrections were made to remove "Warm water garments/devices" from under the title *Temperature* and add it under the title *Patient Warming Devices* in the inclusion list. The word "None" was removed from the exclusion list.
- **Data Element *VTE Timely***- the N (No) value "Surgical Incision Time" was changed to "Anesthesia Start Time".
- **Data Element *Anesthesia Type***- corrected allowable value 3, and added allowable value 4.

Measure Information Forms (MIF)

- **SCIP-Inf-10, SCIP-VTE-1, SCIP-VTE-2**- revised algorithm for *Anesthesia Type* to reflect the new allowable value 4.
- **STK-8**- data element name was corrected in the MIF and algorithm from "Education Addresses Need for Follow-up after Discharge" to "Education addresses Follow-up after Discharge".

Appendix A (both Excel and PDF version)

- **Table 5.16, Code 59.91**- the shortened description was inadvertently omitted and has been corrected.

Hospital Clinical Data XML File

- **Data Element *Anesthesia Type***- corrections were made to allowable values and the programming note.
- Data Element *Perioperative Death*- SCIP VTE-1 and SCIP VTE-2 were added to the Applicable Measures column.
- Data Element *Vancomycin*- The Answer Code and Answer Value for Value 5 was hidden from view and it has been re-formatted to allow them to display appropriately.

Please review the Release Notes 3.0a for a complete list of Specifications Manual changes on QualityNet.org (<http://www.qualitynet.org>) by selecting Specifications Manual under the Hospital Inpatient tab and then version 3.0a in the Data Collection Time Period table. Options are available to download the entire manual, the release notes or view specific sections. The updated version is also available through The Joint Commission website at: <http://www.jointcommission.org>.

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FY 2010 IPPS Proposed Rule Now Available – previously reported

The FY 2010 IPPS proposed rule changes are on display and open for public comment. The public comment period runs through June 30, 2009, for Federal Regulation CMS-1406-P, “Medicare Program: Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Fiscal Year 2010 Rates, and to the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Rate Year 2010 Rates.” Included in the regulation are proposed changes to the Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) initiative.

The proposed rule was posted on May 1, 2009, and can be accessed from the FY2010 Proposed Rule (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/FY2010RULE/list.asp#TopOfPage>) section of the CMS Web site. Details regarding the RHQDAPU program begin on the 323rd page of the downloadable file CMS-1406-P (http://federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2009-10458_PI.pdf).

Comments on specific issues in the regulation may be electronically submitted at Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" and use the file code CMS-1406-P to submit comments on this proposed rule.

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New Potential Duplicate Record Report – previously reported

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the new report, Potential Duplicate Records. The Potential Duplicate Records report identifies potential duplicate records submitted to the QIO Clinical Warehouse. Multiple records submitted for the same patient stay are considered potential duplicates. Duplicate records can cause incorrect data to be reported for the RHQDAPU program, the HQA initiative, and will adversely affect the facilities outcome for data validation. As a result, it is critical

that any duplicate records be deleted prior to the submission deadline. The report is available as a submission and feedback report.

For Hospitals, QIOs, and Healthcare Systems to access the Feedback version of the report, the role “QIO Clinical Warehouse Feedback Reports” is required. The report is located in the QIO Clinical Warehouse Feedback Reports category. Data will be provided in PDF format only. For submitters of data to access the Submission version of the report, the role “QIO Clinical Warehouse Data Upload” is required. The report is located in the QIO Clinical Warehouse Submission Reports category. Data will be provided in CSV format only.

For the Premier vendor to access the report, the role “Premier Reports” is required. The report is located in the Premier Reports category. Data will be provided in CSV format only.

The QualityNet Reports User’s Guide has been updated. The QualityNet Reports User's Guide provides information on accessing and generating QualityNet reports, report details, and requesting and approving report access requests. Page changes include:

- Table of Contents – All pages
- Chapter 1 – pages 1, 7 to 10
- Chapter 2 – pages 1, 20, 37-50
- Chapter 3 – pages 1, 4 and 5
- Chapter 4 – pages 1, 8 to 10

The QualityNet Users Guide has been updated. The QualityNet User’s Guide provides information on managing security, exchanging files, submitting data, managing measures and authorizing vendors. Page changes include:

- Table of Contents – All pages
- Chapter 1 – pages 1, 14 to 17
- Chapters 3, 4, 5 – All pages
- Appendix – All pages

QualityNet user guides are located on the ‘Sign In to My QualityNet’ page and on the secure pages of QualityNet under the Help link.

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HCAHPS 3.1 Enhancements – previously reported

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the HCAHPS 3.1 Warehouse and Online Data Entry Tool for use with April 2009 discharges and forward. Updates to the XML File Specifications are located on the Technical Specifications page of www.hcahpsonline.org, as well as in the HCAHPS Quality Assurance Guidelines, V4.0. A complete listing and description of HCAHPS enhancements made to both the XML file format and the Online Data Entry Tool is included in the [QualityNet 04-23-2009 HCAHPS Release Notes](#) document attached to this communication.

Related Updates

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- The HCAHPS Data Upload and HCAHPS Online Data Entry Tool instructions are included in Chapter 4, “Submit Data,” of the QualityNet User’s Guide, which is available on the secure pages of QualityNet.
- A recorded WebEx training, HCAHPS Online Data Entry, is now available and is posted under QualityNet Training on the www.qualitynet.org website. (www.qualitynet.org / Training *Right hand side of the page* /QualityNet Training / HCAHPS Online Data Entry)
- A Known Issues document including detailed information regarding the known issues in the HCAHPS 3.1 release is now available and is posted on www.qualitynet.org. (Hospitals - Inpatient/Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)/Known Issues)

Questions regarding HCAHPS should be directed to the Health Services Advisory Group, Inc. at 1.888.884.4007.

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QualityNet Registration Reminder – previously reported

All users requesting access to My QualityNet must be individually approved and verified. This mandatory registration process is used to maintain the confidentiality and security of healthcare information and data transmitted via My QualityNet. Please check to be sure your hospital has **two** up-to-date Security Administrators.

The two classifications of QNET users are Security Administrators and Basic Users. Security Administrator and the QualityNet Security Administrator facilitate the registration process for other users at the organization. See the Security Administrator Responsibility List on QNet for a more complete list of duties.

<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetBasic&cid=1138115993910>

CMS strongly suggests that an organization designates two Security Administrators: one to serve as the primary Security Administrator, and the other to serve as the backup. Hospitals submitting data via My QualityNet (or using a vendor to submit data on their behalf) are required to designate a Security Administrator. All other registered QualityNet users in an organization are considered basic users. Depending on how they are set up, the basic user may not have the roles which allow them to submit data, etc. Please submit questions to Sue Bethel at sbethel@coqio.sdps.org.

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Get With The Guidelines

Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) hospital-based Quality Improvement Program focusing on Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) and Heart Failure (HF) has a program goal to improve the quality of cardiovascular care in Colorado. A grant supported by the State of Colorado has made it possible for a

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collaboration to be formed between the American Heart Association and the Colorado Foundation for Medical Care.

Upcoming Get With The Guidelines Regional WebEx Schedule

June 9, 2009

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

“Overview of the ACC/AHA Heart Failure Guideline Update Released in March”
Mori Krantz, MD, Denver Health Medical Center and Colorado Prevention Center

Note: all GWTG calls are from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Please follow these instructions to join the event:

- 1) Click on or go to <https://ifmcevents.webex.com>
- 2) Locate your event
- 3) Click on the Join Now link to the right of the event or click on the name of the event
- 4) Enter your name and email address
- 5) Enter the Event Password: GWTG
- 6) Click on Join
- 7) Call in to the teleconference number for the audio portion.

If you have questions about GWTG calls, please contact Marcy Cameron, mcameron@coqio.sdps.org, or at 303.695.3300, x3040.

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5M Lives Campaign Information

Final Progress Reports – Due July 1st to The Colorado Trust – previously reported

This serves as a reminder that your final progress reports will be due on July 1st. Details about the progress report will be coming soon in a communication from The Colorado Trust. Watch your inbox for this communication! If you want to get a head start on completing this task, you can begin updating your previous portfolio that was submitted in July 2008. If you have questions about this, feel free to contact Kelley Strachan at kstrachan@cfmc.org.

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Mark Your Calendars: June Webinar - Wednesday, June 3rd, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Please mark your calendars. Although the Colorado 5 Million Lives Campaign is wrapping up, CFMC will continue to provide learning opportunities through webinars. We are still finalizing the topic for this session so stay tuned to the newsletter for details.

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Up Next on WIHI – “Wanted! An EMR That Works” – May 21st

Wanted! An EMR That Works

Thursday, May 21, 2009

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Eastern Time

Featuring:

John Halamka, MD, MS, Chief Information Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Brian Robson, GP, Clinical Director for eHealth across NHS National Services Scotland

The drumbeat for quality health information systems to improve care for patients and to reduce costs has never been louder...and now there's money on the table (19 billion), in the form of an economic stimulus, to help more health care providers in the U.S. get online. The migration to electronic medical records has a lot of moving parts and can be daunting, but many organizations have already made the plunge and are working out the bugs for the rest of us. In other words, don't worry about EMRs alone!

Join host Madge Kaplan, with guests John Halamka and Brian Robson, for the most effective ways to navigate the new challenges of health care IT.

There is no fee for participating in a WIHI program, but enrollment is required.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/WIHI.htm>

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Hospital Projects Calendar

In an effort to keep everyone informed of conference calls, webexes, and meetings, we have created a [color-coded calendar](#) and attach it to the newsletter email. This calendar will be included in each week's newsletter with a revised date so you will know when it has been updated.

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