The Joint Commission

Joint Commission Makes Accreditation and Certification Performance Measure Reporting Optional and Extends Timelines

The Joint Commission recognizes that quality measure data collection and reporting for services furnished may not be reflective of an organizations true level of performance on measures given this time of emergency. The Joint Commission seeks to reduce burden on organizations by making data submission optional during this time period. For those organizations who can and choose to submit data, the Joint Commission will continue to provide feedback reports and benchmarks of available data. The Joint Commission is immediately modifying performance measure data reporting and data submission timelines for ORYX® and Certification Programs with standardized measure requirements.

ORYX® Reporting Requirements

Reporting <u>Chart-abstracted</u> performance measurement data is optional for 4Q2019. For those organizations choosing to submit data, the deadline for submission has been extended from April 30, 2020 to June 1, 2020. 4Q2019 data is the last ORYX vendor submission, as hospitals will transition to the Direct Data Submission (DDS) Platform for submission of 2020 Chart-abstracted data. The links for ORYX vendor submissions will open April 1, 2020.

Reporting <u>chart-abstracted</u> performance measurement data is optional for 1Q2020 and 2Q2020. Extended submission timelines for hospitals choosing to submit available Chart-abstracted data are as follows:

- 1Q2020 extended from July 31, 2020 to October 31, 2020
- 2Q2020 extended from October 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021
- 3Q2020 and 4Q2020 data submission timelines will be published at a later date

Note for ORYX Vendors: The timeline for disabling access to the Performance Measurement Extranet (PET) will be extended.

For CY2020 <u>Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)</u> data, there are no changes anticipated at this time; minimum of one quarter of data for four of the ten available eCQMs due March 15, 2021.

Direct Data Submission Platform

All accredited hospitals will use the Joint Commission's Direct Data Submission Platform (DDSP) to submit CY2020 eCQMs and Chart-abstracted Measures data. A webinar is planned for June 9, 2020 to provide information on the eCQM and Chart-abstracted modules available on DDSP. Additional information will be forthcoming as available.

Quality Check/Public Reporting of Performance Measurement Data

The Joint Commission is placing on hold the initial public reporting on Quality Check® for the PC-02 (Cesarean Birth) and PC-06 (Unexpected Complications in Term Newborns) perinatal care measures. Due to optional reporting for 4Q2019, the planned July 2020 display on Quality Check would not reflect a full year of 2019 data.

Certification Programs with Standardized Measure Reporting

For Hospitals participating in certification programs with standardized measures, reporting is optional for 4Q2019, 1Q2020 and 2Q2020 data. No submission timeline will be applied. The Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) application remains available for manual submission for organizations that choose to continue data submission. 3Q2020 and 4Q2020 data submission timelines are under evaluation. The Joint Commission will closely monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and make necessary changes as needed. Updated information regarding performance measurement will be available at [Joint Commission Measurement]

Questions regarding these modified requirements may be directed to the [ORYX Help Email].

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