Maine Health Data Organization  
Rule Chapter 270  
Proposed Technical Changes (version 3.0)

Section 1. Definitions

- Deleted definitions related to measures that have been eliminated
- Added new definition: Measure Steward. Identified responsible entity having a process to maintain and update the measure on a schedule that is commensurate with the rate of clinical innovation

Section 2. Hospital Health Care Quality Data Set Filing Descriptions

Sub-section A, added language identifying CMS as the measure steward for each SCIP measure.
Sub-section B, deleted reference to MHDO website.

Section 3. Health Associated Infection Quality Data Sets Filing Description

Sub-section A
- HAI-1 & HAI-2: identifies NHSN as the measure steward
- Deleted former source document and reference to MHDO website.
- “Hospitals submitting central line catheter-associated blood stream infection rates for intensive care unit and high-risk nursery patients to the National Healthcare Safety Network database are exempt from this section.”

Sub-section B
- HAI 3, HAI-4 & HAI-5: identifies IHI as the measure steward
- Deleted reference to MHDO website.

Sub-section C, adds language to clarify NHSN as the measure steward for MRSA

Sub-section D, adds language to
- clarify NHSN as the measure steward for Clostridium difficile Lab ID Events.
- provide MHDO access to the NHSN for facility-specific reports of Clostridium difficile Lab ID Events.

Sub-section E, clarify as follows:
“… each participating hospital shall authorize …”

Section 4. Nursing-Sensitive Patient-Centered Health Care Quality Data Set Filing Description

- Removes outdated language and clarifies the two source documents: (1) NDNQI, National Database for Nursing Quality Indicators, Guidelines for Data Collection
on the American Nurses Association’s National Quality Forum Endorsed Measures, May 2010 or as updated by the American Nurses Association. 

- NSPC-1 & NSPC-4: identifies The Joint Commission as the measure steward
- NSPC-2 & NSPC-3: identifies the ANA as the measure steward

Section 5. Nursing-Sensitive System-Centered Health Care Quality Data Set Filing Description


- NSSC-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6: identifies the ANA as the measure steward.
- NSSC-7a & 7b: identifies The Joint Commission as the measure steward

Section 6. 3-Item-Care Transition Measure (CTM) Health Care Quality Data Set Filing Description

- Identifies CMS as the measure steward and cites the source document as CMS’ CAHPS Hospital Survey (HCAHPS) Quality Assurance Guidelines, Version 8, March 2013, http://www.hcahpsonline.org/qaguidelines.aspx or as updated

- Replaces 3 former questions with the following questions:

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CARE WHEN YOU LEFT THE HOSPITAL

23. During this hospital stay, staff took my preferences and those of my family or caregiver into account in deciding what my health care needs would be when I left.

24. When I left the hospital, I had a good understanding of the things I was responsible for in managing my health.

25. When I left the hospital, I clearly understood the purpose for taking each of my medications.

Section 8, Standards for Data; Notification; Response, A.2,

- Corrects a typo to state, “most current version of the CMS HCAHPS Quality Assurance Guidelines”

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5.8.13
• Deletes former data specification source document and inserts new source documents:
  o NDNQI, National Database for Nursing Quality Indicators, Guidelines for Data Collection on the American Nurses Association’s National Quality Forum Endorsed Measures, May 2010 and
  o The Joint Commission, Implementation Guide for the NQF Endorsed Nursing Sensitive Care Measure Set, 2009 or as updated by The Joint Commission Association

**Effective Date,** adds the following language for clarification:

• In the event that a measure steward announces a modification to a measure required under Chapter 270, hospitals must continue to collect data based on specifications of the existing version of the measure up until the date that the measure steward requires reporting based on the modified version.