

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 1, 2010** – Expected mailing of Q3 2009 Validation record requests from CDAC. Records will be due back to BDS CDAC on 4/19/10 (check your hard copy request for accurate/final due date). These will be the last Validation records submitted for your FY 2011 APU determination.
- **March 18, 2010** – Anticipated refresh of CMS' Hospital Compare Web site with data from inpatient discharges for Q3 2008 through Q2 2009.
- **March 26, 2010** – End date for the availability of the AHRQ Patient Safety & Inpatient Quality Indicators enhanced preview reports in My QualityNet. All providers will have until this date to view and print their reports. As part of the RHQDAPU program the submission of these measures, which were finalized in the CY 2009 and 2010 IPPS Final Rulings, are now required. Calculations of the AHRQ measures in these reports are based on CMS claims from July 2007 through June 2008. The AHRQ measure results will NOT be published on CMS' Hospital Compare Web site at this time, but will be published on the Hospital Quality Initiatives section of the CMS Web site, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HospitalQualityInits/> following the end of this preview period. Hospitals will not be able to suppress the publication of these measures.

## QUALITYNET AND QUALITY MEASURES

- **NEW** Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) PDF documents for Q4 2009-Q1 2010 have been posted to the *Abstraction Resources* page (right side) on QualityNet at <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&cid=1228749597244>
- Revised QUEST responses for January 2010 are listed below. To search, go to: <https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?pagename=Quest/Content/Search>, enter the revised QUEST number in the Keyword/QUEST ID Box, then click SUBMIT. Leave the Topic Box as "All Topics" when performing the search.

Date	Action	Measure Set	Question #	Data Element/Subject
1/6/2010	Revision	PN Measures	1228735503092	Healthcare Associated PN
1/26/2010	Revision	SCIP Measures	1228731623378	Reasons to Continue Urinary Catheterization
1/26/2010	Revision	SCIP Measures	1228751844479	Urinary Catheter

- **NEW** Data Submission Deadlines have been posted for 2009 & 2010 on QualityNet at the following link: <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&cid=1140537257485>
- An updated release of the *Data Validation Inclusion List* (dated 1/29/10) for Heart Failure has been posted onto QualityNet at <http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1140537255912>

## VALIDATION STUDIES

- CMS continues to release Q2 2009 Validation results.

## OTHER NEWS

- SCIP ListServe - If you are not currently subscribed to the SCIP ListServe you are missing out! Sign up now via QualityNet. Please click on the following link for subscription instructions: [SCIP ListServe Joining Instructions](#)

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