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Dear Colleague:

Effective with January 1, 2011 discharges/episodes of care, all Joint Commission accredited free-standing psychiatric hospitals that are surveyed under the *Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals: The Official Handbook* will be required to use the Hospital Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services (HBIPS) core measure set. Those free-standing psychiatric hospitals with an average daily census greater than ten inpatients will be required to participate using a Joint Commission-listed vendor and submit data to The Joint Commission on all applicable measures that comprise the HBIPS core measure set. General medical/surgical hospitals with inpatient psychiatric units or that maintain a psychiatric hospital that is accredited as a site under the accreditation of the general medical/surgical hospital (as opposed to a free-standing psychiatric hospital) will not be required to use the HBIPS measure set. However, they may elect to do so to meet or exceed current overall ORYX core measure set reporting requirements.

The Joint Commission originally implemented the HBIPS measure set in October 2008 as an optional set of ORYX core measures prior to obtaining National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsement of the measures. The Joint Commission now has secured NQF endorsement for six of the seven HBIPS measures. One remaining measure, HBIPS-1 (Admission Screening), did not receive endorsement by the NQF but may be re-submitted in the future should there be an opportunity.

The Joint Commission has elected to move to require the use of the HBIPS measures by Joint Commission accredited free-standing psychiatric hospitals effective with January 1, 2011 data in response to a growing desire for full implementation of the HBIPS measures from the field and other stakeholders, including the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS), the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) and the NASMHPD Research Institute, Inc. (NRI). **Joint Commission accredited free standing psychiatric hospitals impacted by this requirement will be deemed to have met their ORYX core measure reporting requirements through submission of data on the HBIPS core measure set alone.** For those free-standing psychiatric hospitals currently collecting and submitting data on nine non-core measures, the use of non-core measures will no longer be required; these nine non-core measure data will no longer be accepted by The Joint Commission on any discharges as of the January 1, 2011 implementation date.

Data collection and submission on all HBIPS core measures, including HBIPS-1, will be required of all hospitals using the HBIPS measure set to meet Joint Commission core measure reporting requirements. For the approximately 320 hospitals that voluntarily elected to collect and submit data on the HBIPS measures to The Joint Commission, and for those hospitals that may elect to do so prior to January 1, 2011, those data will not be publicly reported on Quality Check or used in the Priority Focus Process (PFP) or the Strategic Surveillance System (S3). However, aggregate HBIPS core measure data received in 2009 and in 2010 from those hospitals that voluntarily elected to collect and submit data on the HBIPS measures will be

included in The Joint Commission's *Improving America's Hospitals* 2010 Annual Report and the 2011 Annual Report respectively.

Also, data received for HBIPS-1 will not be publicly reported on Quality Check or used in the PFP or S3 until such time as the measure is either endorsed by the National Quality Forum or a determination is made by The Joint Commission Board of Commissioners to publicly report data on HBIPS-1. However, data received for HBIPS-1 will be displayed on each hospital's ORYX Performance Measure Report as a "Test" measure.

For reference, detailed information on the Hospital Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services core measures can be found in the ***Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Core Measures*** at <http://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2010A/>.

Psychiatric hospitals required to collect and submit HBIPS data to The Joint Commission effective with January 1, 2011 discharges/episodes of care, and those general medical/surgical hospitals with inpatient psychiatric units that wish to submit data on the HBIPS measure set to meet ORYX performance measurement requirements may select the measure set by accessing the ORYX Measure Selection (OMS) application under Performance Measurement (ORYX) on their secure Joint Commission Extranet site, or by completing the Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services Core Measure set Selection Form available on The Joint Commission's website at:

[http://www.jointcommission.org/AccreditationPrograms/Hospitals/ORYX/selection\\_change\\_forms.htm](http://www.jointcommission.org/AccreditationPrograms/Hospitals/ORYX/selection_change_forms.htm)

Additional questions regarding the use of the HBIPS core measure set may be addressed to the ORYX Help Line at 630/792-5085 or via e-mail at [HCOOryx@jointcommission.org](mailto:HCOOryx@jointcommission.org). Or you may contact Frank Zibrat, Associate Director, ORYX Implementation, Division of Accreditation Operations, The Joint Commission at 630/792-5992 or [fzibrat@jointcommission.org](mailto:fzibrat@jointcommission.org).

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