

Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services

Core Measure Set

About Psychiatric Core Measures

ABOUT HBIPS:

- Is a major **national leadership effort to improve quality, safety, and performance of hospital-based inpatient psychiatric services** through the collaboration of hospitals, physicians, and consumers.
- Is **part of The Joint Commission accreditation** process. As of October 2008, the measures are available for hospitals to use to fulfill the requirements of performance measurement reporting.
- Core measures for psychiatric services are **one of several sets of core measures available**. In addition to HBIPS measures, core measure sets to date exist for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, pneumonia, children's asthma care, pregnancy and related conditions, surgical care improvement, and hospital outpatient.
- HBIPS core measures were **developed with the same rigor as core measures for other medical specialties**.

MEASURE SETS:

- HBIPS core measures focus on critical issues that affect the course of an individual's psychiatric hospitalization – from the moment they enter the facility through discharge:
 - the assessment process,
 - the use of antipsychotic medications,
 - seclusion and restraint,
 - discharge summary/aftercare.
- The measures are evidence-based and have a direct impact on the quality of care received.

VALUE OF HBIPS:

- Responds to steadily growing demand for psychiatric quality measurement by public and private purchasers by **enabling comparisons across organizations using standardized, evidence-based measures**.
- Is **promoting consensus building** around hospital-based psychiatric services performance measurement between the public and private sectors and among all the various stakeholders.
- Is **creating standardization of measures, data specifications, and definitions** to help hospitals compare their performance within hospital-based psychiatric services to that of their peers.
- Over time, this focus on consensus-driven measures has the **potential to change clinical practice** in very positive ways.

HISTORY:

- Project **grew from a historic public-private partnership** among 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) in collaboration with the American Psychiatric Association (APA). The partnership approached The Joint Commission (TJC) and asked to begin the process of developing core measures for inpatient psychiatry.
- At its inception, the project gathered input from 24 diverse stakeholder organizations (including consumers, researchers, employers, providers, and other content experts) as a foundation for the measure development process.
- Core measure development continues to be **overseen by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)**, made up of clinicians, researchers, and technical experts, all informed by the practical experience of the providers who must collect and use the data.

JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION TIMELINE:

- Beginning with October 1, 2008, discharges, **both** free-standing psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units in general hospitals may select the HBIPS measure set to help them meet their ORYX performance measurement reporting requirement.
 - For **free-standing psychiatric hospitals**, ORYX requirements can be satisfied by adopting the HBIPS measure set **OR** 9 non-core measures. The HBIPS measure set **will become mandatory** after the set receives National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsement and is placed on the Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA) agenda. At that time, non-core measures will no longer be accepted.
 - For **general hospitals with psychiatric units**, HBIPS becomes an additional set of core measures that can be selected. It is **not mandatory** for general hospitals to select the HBIPS measure set. As noted, however, significant value can be derived from use of this measure set, and hospitals are encouraged to adopt it.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Find continuous updates on the HBIPS initiative (including specification manuals, background, and more) at www.jointcommission.org/PerformanceMeasurement/PerformanceMeasurement/Hospital+Based+Inpatient+Psychiatric+Services.htm.

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