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Dear Colleague:

Today the Joint Commission is providing its accredited hospitals with information regarding the 2017 ORYX Performance Measurement Requirements.

The Joint Commission continues to remain as closely aligned as possible with The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program. While CMS has made changes in its Hospital IQR Program for 2017, the Joint Commission has elected not to adopt all of the electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) implemented by CMS. The Joint Commission list of eCQMs includes 13 of 15 eCQMs to be implemented by CMS.

For 2017, we have eliminated the measure set reporting requirement. Measure selection and reporting will be by individual measure.

Summary of 2017 Joint Commission ORYX Measurement Requirements

- Hospitals will report on 5 required chart-abstracted measures and a choice of 6 of 13 available electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs)
 - In addition, hospitals with at least 300 live births will be required to report on all of the chart-abstracted perinatal care measures
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and Small Hospitals ($ADC \leq 10$) will report on a choice of 6 available measures
- Freestanding Psychiatric Hospitals will report on 4 required Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric (HBIPS) measures
- Suspension of requirements will continue for:
 - Freestanding children's hospitals
 - Long term acute care hospitals
 - Inpatient rehabilitation facilities

The following two documents provide additional information and can be found under the "Measurement" section of The Joint Commission's website, ORYX Performance Measurement Reporting at

http://www.jointcommission.org/performance_measurement.aspx

- [2017 ORYX Performance Measure Reporting Requirements](#)
- [Joint Commission Measures Effective January 1, 2017](#) (also includes retired measures)

Additional detailed information will be available late September. For questions, please contact The Joint Commission via e-mail at hcooryx@jointcommission.org.

Thank for your continued support of The Joint Commission.

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