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| ­ ­ |  | **Organizational Identifiers** |  |  |
|  | VAMCCONTROLQICBEGDTEREVDTE | Facility IDControl NumberAbstractor IDAbstraction Begin DateAbstraction End Date | Auto-fillAuto-fillAuto-fillAuto-fillAuto-fill |  |
|  |  | Patient Identifiers |  |  |
|  | SSNFINPTNAMEFPTNAMELBIRTHDTSEXAGERACEETHNICITY | Patient SSNFINFirst NameLast NameBirth DateSexAge RaceEthnicity | Auto-fill: no changeAuto-fill: no changeAuto-fill: no changeAuto-fill: no changeAuto-fill: no changeAuto-fill: **can change**Calculate age at ADMDTAuto-fill: no changeAuto-fill: no change |  |
|  |  | Administrative Data |  |  |
| 1 | admdt | Admission date:  | mm/dd/yyyy**Auto-filled: can be modified**

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 | **Auto-filled; can be modified if abstractor determines that the date is incorrect.*** Admission date is the date the patient was actually admitted to acute inpatient or non-acute inpatient care.
* Examples of non-acute inpatient care include but are not limited to rehabilitation units, skilled nursing facilities, respite care
* For patients who are admitted to Observation status and subsequently admitted to acute or non-acute inpatient care, abstract the date that the patient was admitted to acute or non-acute inpatient care. Do **NOT** abstract the date that the patient was admitted to Observation.

**Suggested Data Sources:** Face sheet, EADT**Exclusion:** admit to observation, arrival date |
| 2 | dcdt | Discharge date: | mm/dd/yyyy**Auto-filled: cannot be modified** | **Auto-filled; cannot be modified**The computer auto-fills the discharge date from the VHA API-PM pull list. This date cannot be modified in order to ensure the selected episode of care is reviewed.  |

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| 3 | readm | During the timeframe from (computer to display dcdt) through (computer to display dcdt + 30 days) was there documentation of a readmission or direct transfer to an acute or non-acute inpatient care setting?1. Yes2. No | 1,2If 2, go to ptexpire | **Review all sources for documentation of a readmission or direct transfer to an acute or non-acute inpatient setting on the date of discharge through 30 days after discharge (31 days total). Readmission or direct transfer includes VHA and non-VHA (community) facilities.*** Examples of non-acute inpatient care include but are not limited to rehabilitation units, skilled nursing facilities, respite care

**Exclude:** Domiciliary admission is considered residential, NOT a non-acute inpatient admission.**Suggested data sources:** Admission assessment, ED notes, History and physical,Outpatient **p**rimary provider notes; Inpatient discharge summary; Remote data notes |
| 4 | readmdt | Enter the date for the most recent readmission that occurred from (computer to display dcdt) through (computer to display dcdt + 30 days). | mm/dd/yyyy

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 | The readmission date is the date the patient was actually readmitted or transferred to acute inpatient or non-acute inpatient care. * Examples of non-acute inpatient care include but are not limited to rehabilitation units, skilled nursing facilities, respite care
* If there is **only one readmission** during the timeframe, enter the date of that readmission.
* **Example:**

Acute Inpatient Admission (ADMDT): 10/30/2020Discharge home (DCDT): 11/12/2020**Readmission to acute inpatient**: 11/22/20; enter 11/22/20 for READMDTDischarged home: 11/25/20* If there **are multiple readmissions**, enter the **date of the** **most recent** readmission.
* **Example:**

Acute Inpatient Admission (ADMDT): 10/30/2020Discharge (direct transfer) to CLC (DCDT): 11/12/2020Readmission to acute inpatient: 11/22/2020Discharge (direct transfer) to CLC: 11/27/2020 Discharge from CLC to home: 11/30/20READMDT: Enter 11/27/2020 (date of the most recent readmission (direct transfer to CLC) during specified timeframe) |
| 5 | readmdcdt | Enter the discharge date for the most recent readmission that occurred on (computer to display readmdt).  | mm/dd/yyyyAbstractor may enter 99/99/9999

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 | Discharge date is the date the patient physically left the facility to which he/she was readmitted.* If there is **only one readmission** during the timeframe, enter the **discharge date** of that readmission.
* If there **are multiple readmissions**, enter the **discharge** **date of the** **most recent** readmission.
* **Example:**

Acute Inpatient Admission (ADMDT): 10/30/2020 Discharge (direct transfer) to CLC (DCDT): 11/12/2020Readmission to acute inpatient: 11/22/2020Discharge (direct transfer) to CLC: 11/27/2020 Discharge from CLC to home: 11/30/2020READMDCDT: Enter 11/30/2020 (discharge date from the most recent readmission)* If unable to determine discharge date for the readmission, enter 99/99/9999.

**Examples:** * Discharge summary indicates patient was discharged to non-VAMC facility and no documentation of discharge is found in the medical record.
* Discharge date is after the study end date

**Example:**Inpatient Admission 11/01/2020Discharge to CLC: 11/08/2020Readmission to Inpatient: 11/12/2020Discharge to CLC 11/14/2020 and still is a patient  there after 12/01/2020READMDCDT - Enter 99/99/9999 |
| 6 | ptexpire | Is there documentation that the patient expired during the timeframe from 1/01/2021 to 6/30/2021?1. Yes2. No | 1,2**\*If 1, the case is excluded.** | If the patient dies during this study period, select value “1”and the case will be excluded.**Exclusion Statement: Documentation that the patient expired during the study period excludes the case from the Transition of Care measures**. |

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| 7 | nonva | For the discharge on (if readm = 1 and readmdcdt = valid date, computer to display readmdcdt; else display dcdt) is there documentation in the medical record the patient was discharged or transferred to a non-VA facility?1. Yes2. No | 1,2 | A non-VA facility may include but is not limited to:* Acute care hospital not associated with the VA
* Community skilled nursing facility, nursing home or other long-term care facility
* Community hospice facility
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| 8 | dochospce | At any time during the year prior to [(If readm = 2 computer to display admdt) through (computer to display dcdt)] OR [(if readm = 1, computer to display readmdt) through (computer to display stdyend)] is one of the following documented in the medical record?The patient is enrolled in a VHA or community-based Hospice programThe patient has a diagnosis of cancer of the liver, pancreas, or esophagusOn the problem list it is documented the patient’s life expectancy is less than 6 months?1. Yes2. No | \*1,2**\*If 1, the case is excluded.** | A “yes” answer to this question will exclude the case from the Transition of Care (TOC) measures.Although all noted conditions may be applicable to the case, only one is necessary for exclusion from the TOC measures.The stage of cancer of the liver, esophagus, or pancreas is not applicable. Even if the patient is newly diagnosed, the case is excluded.Patient’s life expectancy of less than six months must be documented on the problem list or in the computer field “health factors,” without exception.**Acceptable:** Enrollment in a VHA or community-based Hospice**Unacceptable:** Enrollment in a VHA Palliative Care program or HBPC.**Exclusion Statement: Documentation of hospice enrollment; a diagnosis of cancer of the liver, pancreas, or esophagus; or life expectancy less than 6 months excludes the case from the Transition of Care measures.** |

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| 9 | vapcp | During the year prior to (computer to display admdt) is there documentation in the medical record the patient’s primary care provider (PCP) **OR** **ongoing care provider** is a VA provider?1. Yes2. No | 1,2 | Documentation must clearly indicate the patient’s PCP **OR ongoing care provider** is a VA provider.In order to answer “Yes” the patient must have at least one visit with a Primary care Practitioner/provider (PCP) **OR** **an ongoing care provider** during the specified timeframe.* PCP - A physician or non-physician (e.g., nurse practitioner, physician assistant) who provides primary care medical services.
* Licensed practical nurses and registered nurses are not considered PCPs.
* Primary Care Physician includes: General or family practice physicians; Geriatricians; General internal medicine physicians; Obstetricians/gynecologists (OB/GYN)
* If the patient had more than one PCP identify the PCP who most recently provided care to the patient.
* If the patient did not visit a PCP or does not have a PCP, identify the ongoing care provider who most recently provided care to the patient.
* Ongoing care provider - The practitioner who assumes responsibility for the patient’s care in and out of the hospital (e.g. physician, NP or PA practicing in a specialty area, such as cardiology, mental health, surgery, orthopedics, etc.).
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| 10 | ntfyadm | For the inpatient admission on (computer to display admdt), is there documentation in the medical record of receipt of notification to the PCP or ongoing provider of the inpatient admission on the day of admission through 2 days after the admission (3 total days)?1. Yes2. No | 1,2If readmdcdt = 99/99/9999, go to end

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 | **Documentation must include evidence of receipt of notification of inpatient admission on the day of admission through 2 days after admission.**Admission refers to the date of inpatient admission or date of admission for an observation stay that turns into an inpatient admission.**Documentation must include evidence of receipt of notification of inpatient admission that includes evidence of the date when the documentation was received. Any of the following examples meet criteria.****Documentation of:** * Communication about admission with the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider through a shared electronic medical record (EMR) system.
* When using a shared EMR system, documentation of a “received date” is not required to meet criteria. Evidence that the information (e.g., admission note, admission H&P) was located/accessible in the shared EMR on the day of admission through 2 days after admission (3 total days) meets criteria to select value 1 .
* Communication between inpatient providers or staff and the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider (e.g., phone call, email, fax).
* Communication about admission between emergency department and the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider (e.g., phone call, email, fax).
* Communication about admission to the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider through a health information exchange; an automated admission, discharge and transfer (ADT) alert system.
* Indication that the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider admitted the patient to the hospital.
* An admission consult requested by the PCP is acceptable.
* Indication that a specialist admitted the patient to the hospital and notified the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider.
* Indication that the PCP or ongoing care provider placed orders for tests and treatments any time during the patient’s inpatient stay.
* Documentation that the PCP or ongoing care provider performed a preadmission exam or received communication about a planned inpatient admission. The time frame that the planned inpatient admission must be communicated is not limited to the day of admission through 2 days after admission (3 total days); documentation that the PCP or ongoing care provider performed a preadmission exam or received notification of a planned admission prior to the admit date also meets criteria. The planned admission documentation or preadmission exam must clearly pertain to the denominator event.

**Note:** When an ED visit results in an inpatient admission, notification that a provider sent the patient to the ED does not meet criteria.* **Evidence that the PCP or ongoing care provider communicated with the ED about the admission meets criteria.**

**Exclude:**The following examples of documentation do not count:* + - Documentation that the patient or the patient’s family notified the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider of the admission.
		- Documentation of notification to the non-VA PCP or ongoing provider that does not include a time frame or date when the documentation was received.
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| 11 | dccomp1dccomp2dccomp3dccomp4dccomp6dccomp7dccomp99 | For the discharge on (computer to display, if readm = 2 display dcdt OR if readm = 1 readmdcdt), is there documentation the discharge information includes the following required components?**Select all that apply:**1. The name of the practitioner responsible for the patient’s care during the inpatient stay2. Procedures or treatment provided3. Diagnoses at discharge4. Current medication list6. Testing results, documentation of pending tests or no tests pending7. Instructions for patient care post-discharge99. None of the above | 1,2,3,4,6,7,99

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| Hard Edit: dccomp99 cannot = -1 if any dccomp1-dccomp7 = -1. |

 | Discharge information may be included in, but not limited to, discharge summary, discharge instructions, summary of care discharge note, transfer summary. Review all discharge documentation to determine if all of the following components are documented in the record on the day of discharge through 2 days after the discharge (3 total days). Documentation in the outpatient medical record must include evidence or documentation of receipt of discharge information or that it is accessible to the PCP or ongoing care provider. **At a minimum, the discharge information must include all of the following:*** The name of the practitioner responsible for the patient’s care during the inpatient stay
* Procedures or treatment provided
* Diagnoses at discharge
* Current medication list
* A summary of tests completed during the admission with results; or documentation of “no tests ordered during this admission” or “no tests pending” for this admission
	+ Example of tests include, but are not limited to: labs, x-rays, scans
* Instructions for patient care post-discharge should include documentation of what should be done next to assist in the transition of care from inpatient to outpatient.
	+ Examples that meet criteria include, but are not limited to: scheduled lab tests, scheduled procedures and upcoming appointments with specialists(i.e., documentation of “Labs prior to next PCP appointment” or “Follow up with PCP on March 24”).
	+ **Note:** Documentation that only states “Discharge instructions were provided to the patient” does NOT meet criteria.

**If none of the components are included in the discharge information, select 99.** |

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| 12 | ntfydc | For the discharge on (computer to display, if readm = 2, dcdt to dcdt + 2 days OR if readm = 1, readmdcdt to readmdcdt + 2 days), is there documentation in the medical record of receipt of discharge information?1. Yes2. No | 1,2

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 | **Documentation must include evidence of receipt of discharge information on the day of discharge through 2 days after the discharge (3 total days) with evidence of the date when the documentation was received.** * When using a shared EMR system, documentation of a “received date” in the EMR is not required to meet criteria. Evidence that the information (e.g., discharge summary with all required components) was located/accessible in the shared EMR on the day of discharge through 2 days after the discharge (3 total days) meets criteria to select value “1” or Yes for Receipt of Discharge Information indicator.
* Discharge information may be included in, but not limited to, discharge summary, discharge instructions, summary of care discharge note, transfer summary
* If the PCP co-signs the inpatient provider note on the day of discharge through 2 days after the discharge (3 total days), then this meets criteria for the Receipt of Discharge Information.

**Note:** If the PCP or ongoing care provider is the discharging provider, the discharge information must be documented in the medical record on the day of discharge through 2 days after the discharge (3 total days).**Exclude:**The following examples of documentation do not count:* + - Documentation that the patient or the patient’s family notified the patient’s PCP or ongoing care provider of the discharge.
		- Documentation of notification to the non-VA PCP or ongoing provider that does not include a time frame or date when the documentation was received.
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| 13 | opvst | During the timeframe from [(If readm = 2 computer to display dcdt + 1day) through (computer to display dcdt + 30 days)] OR [(if readm = 1, computer to display readmdcdt + 1 day) through (computer to display readmdcdt + 30 days)] was there documentation of an outpatient visit with a primary care provider OR ongoing care provider?An outpatient visit may include: * Face to face outpatient visit
* Telehealth visit (e-visit, virtual check-in)
* Telephone visit
* Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) visit
* Transitional care management services

1. Yes2. No | 1,2If 2, auto-fill opvstdt as 99/99/9999 | **Do not include any outpatient visit that occurs on the date of discharge.****Documentation must include evidence of patient engagement within 30 days after discharge.** Any of the following meet criteria:* An outpatient visit, including office visits, home visits, HBPC visits.
* A telephone visit
* A synchronous telehealth visit where real-time interaction occurred between the patient and PCP OR **ongoing provider** via telephone or videoconferencing.
* Transitional care management services

**Note:** if the patient is unable to communicate with the provider, interaction between the patient’s caregiver and the provider meets criteria.**A phone call from a staff member to check on the patient after discharge does not meet criteria.** |
| 14 | opvstdt | Enter the earliest date of the outpatient visit during the 30 days after the discharge date. | mm/dd/yyyy

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| If readm = 2, > dcdt and <= dcdt + 30 days; If readm = 1, > readmdcdt and <= readmdcdt + 30 days  |

 | Enter the earliest date of the outpatient visit after the discharge date. If there was a readmission within 30 days of the initial admission, use the earliest date after the readmission discharge date. |

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| 15 | medrec | During the timeframe from [(If readm = 2 computer to display dcdt) through (computer to display dcdt + 30 days) OR (if readm = 1, computer to display readmdcdt) through (computer to display readmdcdt + 30 days)] is there documentation in the outpatient record of medication reconciliation conducted by a physician, Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), Physician’s Assistant (PA), clinical pharmacist or registered nurse.1. Yes2. No | 1,2If 2, auto-fill medrecdt as 99/99/9999 | **Medication reconciliation must be documented in the medical record by a physician/APN/PA, clinical pharmacist or registered nurse, on the date of discharge to 30 days after discharge (31 days total) and documentation must indicate current medications are reconciled with the discharge medications.*** **Documentation in the outpatient medical record must include evidence of medication reconciliation and the date when it was performed.**
* Documentation should include a comparison between the outpatient medication list and the inpatient discharge medications or must include notation that outpatient medications were reconciled with the inpatient discharge medication list.
	+ **Example**: the PCP note states “Discharge medications reconciled with current medication list.”

**For the purposes of this element in Transitions of Care:*** Medication reconciliation is a type of review in which the discharge medications are reconciled with the most recent medication list in the outpatient medical record.
* Medication reconciliation assesses whether medication reconciliation occurred. It does not attempt to assess the quality of the medication list documented in the medical record or the process used to document the most recent medication list in the medical record.
* Documentation of a review of medications with the patient/caregiver is not necessary to answer “Yes”.
* Medication reconciliation does not require the patient to be present.

***Any* of the following meets criteria:*** Documentation of the current medications with a notation that the provider reconciled the current and discharge medications.
* Documentation of the current medications with a notation that references the discharge medications
* **Examples:** “no changes in current medications since hospital discharge” or “current medication list updated to include all discharge medications.”
* Documentation of the patient’s current medications with a notation that the discharge medications were reviewed.
* Documentation of a current medication list, a discharge medication list and notation that both lists were reviewed on the same date of service.
* Documentation of the current medications with evidence that the patient was seen for post-discharge hospital follow-up with evidence of medication reconciliation or review.
* **Example:** PCP telephone note titled “Post Hospital Discharge Follow-up Visit” that contains a current medication list and states “medication reconciliation complete.”
* Documentation in the discharge summary that the discharge medications were reconciled with the most recent medication list in the outpatient medical record. There must be evidence that the discharge summary was filed in the outpatient chart on the date of discharge through 30 days after discharge (31 total days).
* Notation that no medications were prescribed or ordered upon discharge.
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| 16 | medrecdt | Enter the earliest date on which the medication reconciliation took place.  | mm/dd/yyyy

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| If readm = 2, >= dcdt and <= dcdt + 30 days OR if readm = 1, >= readmdcdt and <= readmdcdt + 30 days |

 | Enter the earliest date on which the medication reconciliation took place.  |