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- To improve accuracy of abstraction, additional clarification was added to the questions asking if the abnormal results were communicated to a caregiver/surrogate by telephone instead of the patient:
  - Documentation the Veteran is not able to receive the communication (e.g., hearing deficit) and staff communication of the abnormal results to the Veteran's caregiver/surrogate by telephone is acceptable.
- Example documentation:
  - RN notes, "Attempted to contact Veteran, who is hard of hearing, but spoke with wife regarding abnormal FOBT results. Wife verbalized understanding and stated would give Veteran the message."
  - RN notes, "Contacted and notified Veteran of abnormal FIT results and recommended appointment with Gastroenterology. Veteran voiced understanding."

- Pre-GM Instrument
- The link for the CDC list of acceptable influenza vaccinations for question #11, FLUSTAT has been removed from the rules.
- Additional names of influenza vaccinations have been added to the definition/decision rules.

Questions #21 PTSTPLAN & #22 PTLTPLAN

Post-GM Instrument

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A minor formatting edit was made to the guidance for selecting value 99 for question #14, REFOPTOB

Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

## MEDREVDT EDACPDT Clarification and examples have NUTHYDT ASESMALDT ENVASEDT been added to the following questions: If unable to verify that the date of the Example: •Date of Note: 6/13/2024 •Entry Date: 6/14/2024 •Signature Date: 6/14/2024 •Appointment Date in CVP: 6/11/2024 •Enter 6/11/2024 as the encounter dat note is the encounter date, confirm the date of the appointment in Past Clinic Visits (CVP)

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 To align with CMS guidelines, an update was made to the definition and decision rules explaining how to answer question #20, LASTWELLTM, if there are multiple times documented.

If multiple times last known well are documented by the same or different physicians/APNs/PAs, use the earliest time documented.





Changes were made to the definition and decision rules for the following questions to provide clarity and improve accuracy of abstraction: LACTATE LACVAL WEIGHT TARGVOL TRNSFR



Please read through them carefully



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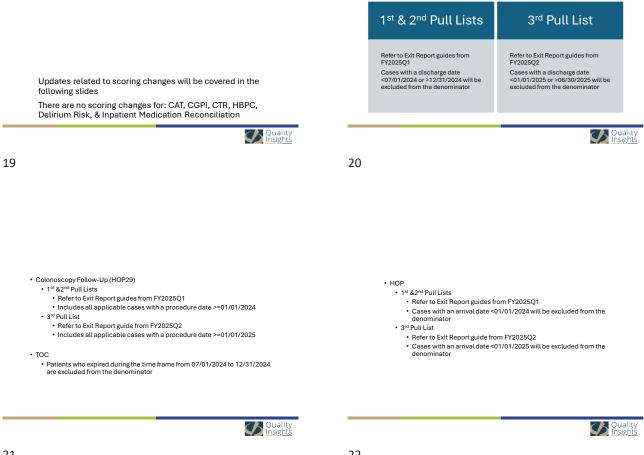


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## Scoring Changes: GM & Sepsis



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