EPRP UPDATE

4Q FY2023

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4Q FY2023 Changes

- The slides in this presentation will serve to provide an overview of changes to the 4Q FY2023 data collection instruments and scoring.
- Although the most important points will be covered, please be sure to review all of the highlighted sections in the Word documents that have been provided by email.

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There were no changes made to the following:

- Cataract Surgery
- Colonoscopy Follow-Up (HOP29)
- CTR
- Common Modules
  - Delirium Risk
  - Inpatient Medication Reconciliation
- Hospital Outpatient (HOP)

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Transitions of Care: Question #3 READM

Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program was added to the definition/decision rules as an exclusion for this question and is **not** considered a non-acute inpatient admission.

- **Exclude:** Domiciliary admission and Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP) are considered residential, NOT a non-acute inpatient admission.

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Transitions of Care: Question #7 PTEXPIRE

- The time frame was updated to 01/01/2023 to 06/30/2023 for this question

- There were no other changes made for TOC

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Exit Reports

- There were no scoring changes for CAT, Colonoscopy Follow-up (HOP29), CTR, Delirium Risk, Inpatient Medication Reconciliation, HOP or TOC.

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Sepsis: Questions #26 CMOPLC & #43 CMOPLC2

- In order to ensure accuracy of abstraction, answer option "99" was removed from both questions.
- Only accept terms identified in the list of inclusions documented by a physician/APN/PA within the specified time frame.

During the timeframe from (computer to display sepresdt/seprestm - 6 hours) to (computer to display sepresdt/seprestm + 6 hours) is there physician/APN/PA documentation of comfort measures only or palliative care (see Inclusion terms below)?

1. Yes
2. No

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Sepsis: Question #44 CRYSTL2

- Due to an update in Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines, a new answer option has been added to CRYSTL.
- This requires the name of the question to be changed from CRYSTL to CRYSTL2.
- The change is applicable for discharges >= 7/01/2023 and will become applicable with the 8/21 pull list.

- Answer "97" if there is physician/APN/PA or nursing documentation no fluids were ordered because the patient was not volume or fluid responsive by clinical evidence.
- Documentation must indicate that invasive or noninvasive measurements of cardiac output, cardiac index, stroke volume, or stroke volume index were used to determine the patient was not volume or fluid responsive.

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Sepsis

- Other than minor wording changes, there were no other updates for Sepsis.

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Sepsis Exit Report

- Changes were made to SEP1a and SEP1c related to the name change for questions, CMOPLC and CMOPLC2.

- The discharge date parameter has been updated for discharges >=7/1/2023.
- This will go in effect with the third pull list of 4Q23 (8/21 pull list).

- There were no other scoring changes for Sepsis.

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Global Measures: Question #12 COMFORT

- In order to comply with changes made by Joint Commission, new inclusion terms have been added to the definition/decision rules.

Inclusion (Only acceptable terms)	
Brain death/dead	Donation after Cardiac Death
Comfort care	Donation after Circulatory Death
Comfort focused treatment	End of life care
Comfort measures	Hospice
Comfort measures only (CMO)	Hospice care
Comfort only	Organ harvest
Compassionate extubation	Terminal care
DCD	Terminal extubation
DNR-CC	

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Global Measures: Question #18 REFOPTOB

- A change was made to answer option 4 to include patients being cared for at a facility using the Oracle-Cerner Electronic Health Record (EHR).

- An updated to the definition/decision rules was also added for this question.
- If a patient is being cared for at a facility using the Oracle-Cerner EHR, only select value 4 if documentation does not support values 1, 2, or 98.
- There were no additional changes to GM.

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Global Measures Exit Report

- There were no changes to the scoring of GM other than to update the discharge date parameter for discharges >=7/1/2023.
- This will go in effect with the third pull list of 4Q23.

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CGPI:

- There were no changes made to the following modules:
  - Validation
  - CVD
  - DM
  - Outpatient Medication Reconciliation

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CGPI: Shared Module Question #9 EGFR

- An update was made to the definition/decision rules listing two examples of acceptable eGFR tests.
  - eGFR tests include but are not limited to CKD-EPI and CKD-EPI 2021.

- In addition, the following was added to the definition/decision rules:
  - As of May 1, 2023 outside labs may be documented through the kidney health clinical reminder.

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CGPI: Core Module Question #20 FALLSCRN

- A third standardized fall screening tool was added to the definition/decision rules.
  - In order to answer "1," documentation within the past 12 months must indicate a falls screening was completed using a standardized fall screening tool (e.g., MAHC-10, Morse Fall Scale (MFS), or Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries (STEADI) Fall Assessment).

- The STEADI Initiative Fall Assessment uses a 12-question tool. A score of 4 or greater indicates fall risk. If score is less than 4, ask if patient fell in past year and if "yes", patient is at risk.
- Remember, other tools are acceptable but must be standardized, published and named. The questions and scoring must be in accordance with the authentic screening tool.

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CGPI: Core Module Question #24 UISCREEN

- In order to clarify sources of acceptable documentation, an update was made to the definition/decision rules.

- Acceptable as screening for urinary incontinence (UI) includes:
  - Assessment with the KATZ Index of Independence in Activities of Daily Living with documented response to the "Continence" question.

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CGPI: MH Module

- Questions #7 INCSEVCI & #9 MODSEVCI had an update to the definition/decision rules pertaining to Oracle-Cerner facilities.

- Other acceptable documentation includes:
  - The Form Browser for mental health screening in Oracle Cerner allows providers to establish this exclusion by checking the box to indicate **"Unable to Screen Due to Permanent, Major Neurodegenerative Disorder."**

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CGPI: MH Module New Questions

- Annual screening of depression can be completed by the use of the PHQ-2 <u>OR</u> PHQ-9.
- Question #27 SCRNPHQ9 is a new question asking if the patient was screened during the past year by the PHQ-9.

- The definition/decision rules contains the questionnaire.
- You will only get these new questions if you answered SCRNPHQ2 as 2 or 98.

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CGPI: MH Module New Questions

- Question #28 asks if the record documents the patient's responses to all 9 questions of the PHQ-9.

- The documentation must include the patient's responses to all 9 questions to answer 1(yes).
- **Answer key to each of the nine questions on the PHQ-9 is as follows:**
  - Not at all → 0
  - Several days → 1
  - More than half the days → 2
  - Nearly every day → 3

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CGPI: MH Module New Questions

Question #29 PHQ9DT
- Enter the date of the most recent screening for depression by the PHQ-9.
- The date refers to the date of the signature on the encounter note.
- Enter the exact date, 01 cannot be used to indicate missing month or day.

Question #30 PHQ9TOTAL
- Enter the total score of the PHQ-9 documented in the record.
- The total score for PHQ-9 questions must be documented in the medical record. The abstractor may NOT enter the total score if it is not documented in the record, even if all 9 questions have been answered and the total is evident.

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CGPI: MH Module

- The only other changes in this module were formatting modifications to include the new depression questions, as applicable, for questions DEPEVAL and DEPFOLINT.

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CGPI: PI Module Question #27 TOBSCRN18C

- In order to improve abstraction accuracy, additional guidance was added to the definition/decision rules for tobacco use screening at Oracle-Cerner facilities.

- **Tobacco screening may be completed using the form below or by documentation of patient's tobacco use in a progress note by an acceptable provider. Documentation that only refers to "smoking "or cigarettes will not satisfy the intent of the measure.**
- The screening question is:
- **Do you smoke cigarettes, or use tobacco every day, some days, or not at all?**
  - ☐ Every Day
  - ☐ Some Days
  - ☐ Not at all
  - ☐ Declined to Answer

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CGPI: PI Module Question #65 HRHPVTEST

- A new informational-only question has been added.
- HRHPVTEST asks you to identify the name of the high risk HPV test that was performed.
- If the name is not one of the six options listed, choose "7".
  - You'll enter the name of the test in question, OTHRHPV.
- If the specific name is not able to be determined, choose "99".

- There were no other changes to the PI module.

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CGPI Exit Report

- Scoring was updated for MDD40 to include screening for depression by either the PHQ-2 or PHQ-9.

- There was no other change to scoring for CGPI.

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HBPC: Question #21 PTLTPLAN

- The definition and decision rules for PTLTPLAN have been updated to:
  - Define long term care planning for the Veteran
  - Define current living facilities that are applicable to this question.

- **Note: Long term care planning is defined as planning care for the Veteran if their condition changes or declines and the Veteran needs further care and/or assistance either in their home (i.e., friends, family, caregiver, paid caregiver) or to transition to a higher level of care.**

- **Long term care (LTC) planning for increased level of care is applicable to Veterans currently living at home, in an assisted living facility (ALF), or medical foster home (MFH).**

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HBPC: Nutrition and Safety Assessments

- Effective July 01, 2023 assessments of the following must be completed in a face to face encounter:
  - Nutritional and hydration needs
  - Malnutrition
  - Environmental safety and risk needs
  - Home oxygen safety risk

- If your answer to nuthyd, assesmal2, envases, or asesoxy2 is "4" denoting the assessment was completed during a clinical video telehealth encounter, you must enter a date <7/01/2023 for the accompanying date question.

- The change reflects a return to pre-COVID19 assessment requirements.

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HBPC: Question #24 ASSESMAL2

- A change was made related to required documentation of assessment of hand grip strength.

- Strength assessment of **both** hands (bilateral) must be documented.
- If there is only documentation of the result for one hand, there must be documentation of a reason why the other hand was not assessed.

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HBPC: Depression Screening

- Screening for depression using the PHQ-9 was added to HBPC and mirrors the same questions added to the CGPI instrument.

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HBPC Exit Report

- Scoring was updated to include depression screening with the PHQ-2 or PHQ-9 for hc38.

- There were no other changes to scoring for HBPC.

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