

Hospital Quality Alliance
Request for Withholding Data From Public Reporting on Hospital Compare
March 2008

*If your hospital wants to continue to be pledged to the Hospital Quality Alliance Initiative, but you are requesting that data be withheld during this reporting period, this form must be completed and mailed or faxed to your Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) contact, so that he/she receives it **no later than close of business on February 15, 2008**. **NOTE: Let your QIO know if you are faxing this request. Withholding forms received by your QIO after the end of the Preview Period will not be considered for the March 2008 release.***

*This request is in effect for the **January through February 2008 Preview Period** for the measure(s) indicated on page 2. All of your data will be released in subsequent quarters unless you withdraw from the initiative, submit a new pledge form with a revised discharge quarter start date or submit this form indicating what measures you would like to withhold from Public Reporting for the period. This completed Withholding Data form also gives the QIO and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) the authority to notify the American Hospital Association (AHA), the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH), and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) of this information.*

My hospital has reviewed its preview report for March 2008. For this period, we wish to withhold from Public Reporting the data submitted for the measures indicated on page 2.

Hospital Name: _____

Medicare Provider Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

HQA Contact Name: _____

HQA Contact Phone Number: () _____

Hospital/Health System CEO (or designee):

Name (please print): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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Inpatient Hospital Quality Measures - March 2008 Release

Measure Id	Measure Name	APU	HQA	Check to Suppress (✓)
AMI Clinical Measures				
AMI-1	Aspirin at Arrival	✓	✓	
AMI-2	Aspirin Prescribed at Discharge	✓	✓	
AMI-3	ACEI or ARB for LVSD	✓	✓	
AMI-4	Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling	✓	✓	
AMI-5	Beta Blocker Prescribed at Discharge	✓	✓	
AMI-6	Beta Blocker at Arrival	✓	✓	
AMI-7a	Fibrinolytic Therapy Received Within 30 minutes of Hospital Arrival	✓	✓	
AMI-8a	Primary PCI Received Within 90 Minutes of Hospital Arrival	✓	✓	
HF Clinical Measures				
HF-1	Discharge Instructions	✓	✓	
HF-2	Evaluation of LVS Function	✓	✓	
HF-3	ACEI or ARB for LVSD	✓	✓	
HF-4	Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling	✓	✓	
Pneumonia Clinical Measures				
PN-1	Oxygenation Assessment	✓	✓	
PN-2	Pneumococcal Vaccination	✓	✓	
PN-3b	Blood Cultures Performed in the Emergency Department Prior to Initial Antibiotic Received in Hospital	✓	✓	
PN-4	Adult Smoking Cessation Advice/Counseling	✓	✓	
PN-5c	Initial Antibiotic received within 6 Hours of Hospital Arrival <i>(For public reporting purposes, PN-5c will be calculated from PN-5b data elements for display on Hospital Compare)</i>		✓	
PN-6	Initial Antibiotic Selection for CAP in Immunocompetent Patients	✓	✓	
PN-7	Influenza Vaccination <i>(reported by flu season, 4Q & 1Q data only)</i>	✓	✓	
Surgical Care Infection Prevention Clinical Measures				
SCIP-Inf-1	Prophylactic Antibiotic Received Within 1 Hour Prior to Surgical Incision	✓	✓	
SCIP-Inf-2	Prophylactic Antibiotic Selection for Surgical Patients <i>(For APU pledged providers, selection to suppress this measure will suppress 3Q06 and 4Q06 data only.)</i>	✓	✓	
SCIP-Inf-3	Prophylactic Antibiotics Discontinued Within 24 Hours After Surgery End Time	✓	✓	
SCIP-VTE-1	Surgery Patients with Recommended Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Ordered <i>(1Q & 2Q 2007 data only displayed)</i>	✓	✓	
SCIP-VTE-2	Surgery Patients Who Received Appropriate Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Within 24 Hours Prior to Surgery to 24 Hours After Surgery <i>(1Q & 2Q 2007 data only displayed)</i>	✓	✓	
Outcome Measures				
AMI Mortality	Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) 30-Day Mortality	✓	✓	
HF Mortality	Heart failure (HF) 30-Day Mortality	✓	✓	
Survey Information				
Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) <i>(HCAHPS will be considered a HQA measure for public reporting purposes through the December 2008 public reporting.)</i>			✓	