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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Inpatient & Outpatient Healthcare Quality System Development and Program Support Contractor are pleased to notify Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program participants that the *Specifications Manual for National Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Measures* (IPF Specifications Manual), version 1.3, effective January 1, 2025, is available for download. The IPF Specifications Manual references the XML file layouts for clinical measure and non-measure data, which are published as separate Excel spreadsheets.

Key updates to version 1.3 include:

- Updated the Introduction to the Data Dictionary to provide a definition and clarification for medical records.
- Added the “unable to determine from medical record documentation” to the “No” allowable values to the applicable data elements to align with the Missing Data Policy.
- Updated the General Data Elements tables for the Screening for Metabolic Disorders and Transition Record measures to align with the current data elements for these measures.
- Updated the Missing Data Policy to include the Non-Measure Data elements where the “unable to determine” value is not applicable.
- Added CMS sampling approaches to the Population & Sampling section.
- Added a new section for Non-Measure Data specifications.
- Updated the Data Transmission section to align with current transmission processes.

Refer to version 1.3 of the release notes for more information about the manual changes. The manual and release notes documents are posted to the [IPF Specifications Manuals](#) page of the [QualityNet](#) website.

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