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Version 5.17 of the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures* for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program is now posted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services QualityNet website (<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/>). Use Version 5.17 of the manual with acute inpatient discharges from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

The following items are of special interest:

- Effective for calendar year 2025, January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, discharges
- Data dictionary data element updates

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