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We are pleased to announce a Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system release for July 2024. This release includes modifications to Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) which are detailed below and available at https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login.

The HQR Release will consist of all applications, processes, and reports necessary to support the following program and initiatives:

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  o   For the version 5.16 specifications manual, effective for July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 discharges, three data elements (Sex Assigned at Birth, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation) have been added, while the existing Sex data element has been removed. The Sex Assigned at Birth element will be required, while the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation elements are voluntary. For guidance related to these data elements please refer to Version 5.16 of the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures*.

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