September 30 – Release of AHRQ Quality Indicators for Windows Version 4.2 and SAS Version 4.2

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces the release of the AHRQ Quality Indicators software for Windows Version 4.2 and SAS Version 4.2 for the Prevention Quality Indicators (PQI), Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQI), Patient Safety Indicators (PSI) and Pediatric Quality Indicators (PDI) modules. The software and documentation are now available for download from the AHRQ QI web site (http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/software.htm).

This announcement provides a summary of changes made in the WinQI 4.2 and SAS 4.2 versions of the software. A summary of the testing performed can be found in the testing summary_(http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/downloads/sas/Testing_Summary_v4.2.pdf).

Summary of changes from Windows Version 4.1b to 4.2

Changes were made to the WinQI software for this release. The first set of changes was to update the ICD-9 codes for FY2010, which necessitated updating the technical specifications and coding documentation. The second set of changes was to update the reliability weights by altering the signal variance arrays for the PDI module.

A detailed list of these changes can be found in the WinQI 4.2 release notes (http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/downloads/winqi/Release_Notes_for_AHRQ_QI_WinQI_(Version_4_2).pdf).

Summary of changes from SAS Version 4.1b to 4.2

Changes were made to the SAS software for this release. The first set of changes was to update the ICD-9 codes for FY2010, which necessitated updating the technical specifications and coding documentation. The second set of changes was to update the reliability weights by altering the signal variance arrays for the PDI module.

A detailed list of these changes can be found in the SAS 4.2 release notes (http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/downloads/sas/Release_Notes_for_AHRQ_QI_SAS_(Ver sion_4_2).pdf).

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