

APPENDIX K: Stratification

The PDI module reports rates stratified by age and/or birth weight and, in some cases, by specified clinical strata. Refer to the individual Technical Specifications documents for indicator-specific stratification. The values of three variables related to age and weight are used to assign cases to stratification categories: Pediatric Age in Years, Age in Days, and Birth Weight.

Pediatric Age in Years

The values for Pediatric Age in Years include the following:

- 1 = Less than one (1) year
- 2 = 1 to 2 years
- 3 = 3 to 5 years
- 4 = 6 to 12 years
- 5 = 13 to 17 years

Age in Days

Age in Days is defined on patients whose age is less than one year. Possible values for this category are as follows:

- 0 = N/A
- 1 = 0 to 28 days
- 2 = 29 to 60 days
- 3 = 61 to 90 days
- 4 = 91 to 365 days

Birth Weight

Values assigned to Birth Weight categories are based on ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes that specify infant weight in grams. The values are as follows:

- 0 = N/A
- 1 = 0 to 499g
- 2 = 500 to 749g
- 3 = 750 to 999g
- 4 = 1000 to 1249g
- 5 = 1250 to 1499g
- 6 = 1500 to 1749g
- 7 = 1750 to 1999g
- 8 = 2000 to 2499g
- 9 = 2500g or more