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## Comparison of Observed Rates of All Indicators between v2019 and v2020

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## Introduction

The data presented in this document are comparisons of nationwide observed rates for all Quality Indicators™ (QIs) by module, comparing Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) QI SAS® Software Version 2019 (v2019) to Version 2020 (v2020) for the *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification/ Procedure Coding System* (ICD-10-CM/PCS). The rates for v2019 and v2020 of the software are based on an analysis using AHRQHealthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) State Inpatient Databases (SID) from data year 2017.<sup>1</sup>

HCUP is a family of healthcare databases and related software tools and products developed through a Federal-State-Industry partnership and sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). HCUP databases bring together the data collection efforts of State data organizations, hospital associations, private data organizations, and the Federal government to create a national information resource of encounter-level healthcare data. HCUP includes the largest collection of longitudinal hospital care data in the United States, with all-payer, encounter-level information beginning in 1988. These databases enable research on a broad range of health policy issues, including cost and quality of health services, medical practice patterns, access to healthcare programs, and outcomes of treatments at the national, State, and local market levels. The analytic dataset used to generate the tables in this document consists of the same hospital discharge records that comprise the reference population for v2020 of the AHRQ QI software. This reference population file was limited to community hospitals and also excludes rehabilitation and long-term acute care (LTAC) hospitals. Information on the type of hospital was obtained by the American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Survey of Hospitals. The AHA defines community hospitals as “all non-Federal, short-term, general, and other specialty hospitals, excluding hospital units of institutions.” Included among community hospitals are specialty hospitals such as obstetrics-gynecology, ear-nose-throat, orthopedic, and pediatric institutions. Also included are public hospitals and academic medical centers.

The 2017 HCUP SID includes information on all inpatient discharges from hospitals in 48 participating States.<sup>2</sup> In 2017, 46 SID include indicators of the diagnoses being present on

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<sup>1</sup> Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) 2017 State Inpatient Databases (SID). Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD.

<sup>2</sup> The AHRQ QI program would like to acknowledge the HCUP Partner organizations that participated in the HCUP SID: Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Arizona Department of Health Services, Arkansas Department of Health, California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Colorado Hospital Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Delaware Division of Public Health, District of Columbia Hospital Association, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Georgia Hospital Association, Hawaii Laulima Data Alliance, a non-profit subsidiary of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Illinois Department of Public Health, Indiana Hospital Association, Iowa Hospital Association, Kansas Hospital Association, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Louisiana Department of Health, Maine Health Data Organization, Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, Massachusetts Center for Health

admission (POA) and included the number of days from admission to procedure (PRDAY) data element.<sup>3</sup> Edit checks on POA were developed during an HCUP evaluation of POA coding in the 2011 SID at hospitals that were required to report POA to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The edits identify general patterns of suspect reporting of POA. The edits do not evaluate whether a valid POA value (e.g., Y or N) is appropriate for the specific diagnosis. There are three hospital-level edit checks:

1. Indication that a hospital has POA reported as Y on all diagnoses on all discharges
2. Indication that a hospital has POA reported as missing on all non-Medicare discharges
3. Indication that a hospital reported POA as missing on all nonexempt diagnoses for 15 percent or more of discharges. The cut-point of 15 percent was determined by 2 times the standard deviation plus the mean of the percentage for hospitals that are required to report POA to CMS.

Additional information on the reference population and the risk adjustment process may be found in QI Empirical Methods, available on the AHRQ QI™ website (<http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/modules/Default.aspx>).

The QI observed rates for hospital-level indicators are scaled to the rate per 1,000 persons at risk and the area-level indicators are per 100,000 population. Volume and count indicator results are listed as simple counts with no scaling at all. Cell sizes less than 11 are suppressed due to confidentiality and are designated by an asterisk (\*). When only one datapoint in a series must be suppressed due to cell sizes, another datapoint is provided as a range to disallow calculation of the masked variable. In some cases, numerators, denominators or rates are not applicable for the category due to the exclusion criteria in the specification of the indicator, and are designated by dashes (--).

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<sup>3</sup> States in the POA reference population for 2017 include: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, and WV.

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**Comparison of Observed Rates ICD-10-CM/PCS v2019 and v2020**

**Table 1. Prevention Quality Indicators (PQIs) Comparison of Observed Rates: v2019 and v2020**

INDICATOR	LABEL	RATIO OF OBSERVED RATES (v2020/v2019)	v2020 OBSERVED RATE PER 100,000	v2019 OBSERVED RATE PER 100,000
PQI 01	Diabetes Short-Term Complications Admission Rate	1.05	58.32	55.75
PQI 03	Diabetes Long-Term Complications Admission Rate	1.05	104.07	99.19
PQI 05	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate	1.05	493.82	472.09
PQI 07	Hypertension Admission Rate	1.04	59.98	57.63
PQI 08	Heart Failure Admission Rate	1.04	412.96	398.27
PQI 11	Community-Acquired Pneumonia Admission Rate	1.04	158.80	153.10
PQI 12	Urinary Tract Infection Admission Rate	1.04	141.29	135.76
PQI 14	Uncontrolled Diabetes Admission Rate	1.04	43.01	41.29
PQI 15	Asthma in Younger Adults Admission Rate	1.04	30.27	29.00
PQI 16	Lower-Extremity Amputation among Patients with Diabetes Rate	1.04	29.26	28.09
PQI 90	Prevention Quality Overall Composite	1.04	1,306.33	1,256.46
PQI 91	Prevention Quality Acute Composite	1.04	300.08	288.86
PQI 92	Prevention Quality Chronic Composite	1.04	1,006.38	967.71
PQI 93	Prevention Quality Diabetes Composite	1.05	218.80	209.09

Source: Results are calculated from the 2017 HCUP reference population using AHRQ QI software v2019 and v2020.  
 Note: The 2000-2019\_Population\_Files\_V2020.txt Census population file was used in generating PQI observed rates.

**Table 2. Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs) Comparison of Observed Rates: v2019 and v2020**

INDICATOR	LABEL	RATIO OF OBSERVED RATES (v2020/v2019)	v2020 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000	v2019 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000
PSI 02	Death Rate in Low-Mortality Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs)	2.57	0.52	0.20
PSI 03	Pressure Ulcer Rate	1.00	0.65	0.65
PSI 04	Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications	0.96	143.41	148.65
PSI 04_DVT_PE	Stratum: DVT_PE: DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS/PULMONARY EMBOLISM	0.96	44.77	46.70
PSI 04_PNEUMONIA	Stratum: PNEUMONIA	0.93	88.51	89.63
PSI 04_SEPSIS	Stratum: SEPSIS	0.96	216.11	223.10
PSI 04_SHOCK	Stratum: SHOCK /CARDIAC ARREST	0.97	325.89	332.46
PSI 04_GIHEMORRHAGE	Stratum: GI_HEMORRHAGE: GASTROINTESTINAL (GI) HEMORRHAGE/ACUTE ULCER	0.98	83.50	92.23
PSI 05 <sup>a</sup>	Retained Surgical Item or Unretrieved Device Fragment Count	1.00	619	619
PSI 06	Iatrogenic Pneumothorax Rate	0.99	0.19	0.20
PSI 07	Central Venous Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infection Rate	1.00	0.10	0.10
PSI 08	In Hospital Fall with Hip Fracture Rate	0.91	0.07	0.08
PSI 09	Perioperative Hemorrhage or Hematoma Rate	1.00	2.25	2.24
PSI 10	Postoperative Acute Kidney Injury Requiring Dialysis Rate	1.02	0.88	0.86
PSI 11	Postoperative Respiratory Failure Rate	0.97	4.41	4.55
PSI 12	Perioperative Pulmonary Embolism or Deep Vein Thrombosis Rate	1.00	3.37	3.38
PSI 13	Postoperative Sepsis Rate	1.04	3.97	3.81
PSI 14	Postoperative Wound Dehiscence Rate	1.00	0.67	0.67
PSI 14_OPEN	Stratum: OPEN Postoperative Wound Dehiscence Rate	1.00	1.39	1.40
PSI 14_NONOPEN	Stratum: NONOPEN Postoperative Wound Dehiscence Rate	1.00	0.04	0.04
PSI 15	Abdominopelvic Accidental Puncture or Laceration Rate	1.00	1.04	1.04
PSI 17	Birth Trauma Rate – Injury to Neonate	0.99	4.77	4.80

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INDICATOR	LABEL	RATIO OF OBSERVED RATES (v2020/v2019)	v2020 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000	v2019 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000
PSI 18	Obstetric Trauma Rate – Vaginal Delivery with Instrument	1.00	115.42	115.42
PSI 19	Obstetric Trauma Rate – Vaginal Delivery without Instrument	1.00	17.63	17.63

Source: Results are calculated from the 2017 HCUP reference population using AHRQ QI software v2019 and v2020.

<sup>a</sup> PSI 05 (Retained Surgical Item or Unretrieved Device Fragment Count) is a count, not a rate. Therefore, the observed values for PSI 05 are counts.

**Table 3. Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQIs) Comparison of Observed Rates: v2019 and v2020**

INDICATOR	LABEL	RATIO OF OBSERVED RATES (v2020/v2019)	v2020 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000	v2019 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000
IQI 08	Esophageal Resection Mortality Rate	0.93	39.71	42.91
IQI 09	Pancreatic Resection Mortality Rate	1.00	26.30	26.30
IQI 09_WITH_CANCER	Stratum A: Presence of Pancreatic Cancer	1.00	23.34	23.34
IQI 09_WITHOUT_CANCER	Stratum B: Absence of Pancreatic Cancer	1.00	29.73	29.73
IQI 11	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Repair Mortality Rate	1.00	37.96	37.96
IQI 11_OPEN_RUPTURED	Stratum_OPEN_RUPTURED: Open Repair of Ruptured AAA	1.00	381.03	380.73
IQI 11_OPEN_UNRUPTURED	Stratum_OPEN_UNRUPTURED: Open Repair of Unruptured AAA	1.00	61.84	61.84
IQI 11_ENDO_RUPTURED	Stratum_ENDO_RUPTURED: Endovascular Repair of Ruptured AAA	1.00	194.01	194.01
IQI 11_ENDO_UNRUPTURED	Stratum_ENDO_UNRUPTURED: Endovascular Repair of Unruptured AAA	1.00	8.98	8.98
IQI 12	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Mortality Rate	1.00	25.89	25.90
IQI 15	Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) Mortality Rate	1.00	50.13	50.14
IQI 16	Heart Failure Mortality Rate	1.00	27.18	27.19
IQI 17	Acute Stroke Mortality Rate	1.00	72.25	72.26
IQI 17_HEMSTROKE_SUBARACH	Stratum_HEMSTROKE_SUBARACH: Subarachnoid Hemorrhage	1.00	190.54	190.53
IQI 17_HEMSTROKE_INTRACER	Stratum_HEMSTROKE_INTRACER: Intracerebral Hemorrhage	1.00	200.67	200.68
IQI 17_ISCHEMSTROKE	Stratum_ISCHEMSTROKE: Ischemic Stroke	1.00	40.82	40.83
IQI 18	Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage Mortality Rate	1.00	23.48	23.49
IQI 19	Hip Fracture Mortality Rate	1.00	20.45	20.47
IQI 20	Pneumonia Mortality Rate	1.00	26.04	26.05



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INDICATOR	LABEL	RATIO OF OBSERVED RATES (v2020/v2019)	v2020 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000	v2019 OBSERVED RATE PER 1,000
IQI 21	Cesarean Delivery Rate, Uncomplicated	1.00	292.33	292.33
IQI 22	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Delivery Rate, Uncomplicated	1.00	125.29	125.30
IQI 30	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Mortality Rate	1.00	28.93	28.94
IQI 31	Carotid Endarterectomy Mortality Rate	1.00	4.46	4.46
IQI 32	Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) Mortality Rate, Without Transfer Cases	1.00	50.31	50.33
IQI 33	Primary Cesarean Delivery Rate, Uncomplicated	1.00	167.01	167.02
IQI 34	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Rate	1.00	123.94	123.94

Source: Results are calculated from the 2017 HCUP reference population using AHRQ QI software v2019 and v2020.

**Table 4. Pediatric Quality Indicators (PDIs) Comparison of Observed Rates: v2019 and v2020**

INDICATOR	LABEL	RATIO OF OBSERVED RATES (v2020/v2019)	v2020 OBSERVED RATE <sup>a</sup>	v2019 OBSERVED RATE <sup>a</sup>
<b>HOSPITAL-LEVEL INDICATORS</b>				
NQI 03	Neonatal Blood Stream Infection Rate	1.14	19.43	17.04
PDI 01	Accidental Puncture or Laceration Rate	0.99	0.33	0.33
PDI 05	Iatrogenic Pneumothorax Rate	0.99	0.10	0.10
PDI 08	Perioperative Hemorrhage or Hematoma Rate	1.01	2.78	2.74
PDI 09	Postoperative Respiratory Failure Rate	0.95	10.65	11.17
PDI 10	Postoperative Sepsis Rate	0.98	8.09	8.30
PDI 12	Central Venous Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infection Rate	1.01	0.48	0.48
<b>AREA-LEVEL INDICATORS</b>				
PDI 14	Asthma Admission Rate	1.04	80.57	77.83
PDI 15	Diabetes Short-Term Complications Admission Rate	1.02	25.09	24.69
PDI 16	Gastroenteritis Admission Rate	1.04	36.26	34.78
PDI 18	Urinary Tract Infection Admission Rate	1.04	20.55	19.85
PDI 90	Pediatric Quality Overall Composite	1.03	112.35	108.76
PDI 91	Pediatric Quality Acute Composite	1.04	29.26	28.18
PDI 92	Pediatric Quality Chronic Composite	1.03	83.08	80.58

Source: Results are calculated from the 2017 HCUP reference population using AHRQ QI software v2019 and v2020.

Note: 2017 population data was used contained in the 2000-2019\_Population\_Files\_V2020.txt Census population file in generating area-level PDI observed rates.

<sup>a</sup> Observed rates for hospital-level indicators are reported per 1,000 discharges. Area-level indicators are reported per 100,000 population.