Minor Release of AHRQ Quality IndicatorsTM Software for v2019.0.1 ICD-10-CM WinQI, September

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces a minor release of the AHRQ Quality Indicators (QI) software version v2019.0.1 for WinQI. The WinQI version v2019 software was released in August 1, 2019. This minor release fixes three of the recently identified minor software discrepancies.

1.0 Updates to AHRQ QI Software

• Small variances in PSI 90 Composite Weight

Inconsistencies were identified between the PSI 90 Component weight in the technical specification document and AHRQ QI software programs (SAS QI and WinQI). The average change in PSI 90 rate was at the 4th decimal. Further investigation identified variances in smooth rate for PSI 03 (9th decimal, on average), PSI 04 risk-adjusted and smoothed rates (6th decimal, on average) and small variances in PSI 13. The updates were made in the v2019.0.1 SAS QI PSI module and WinQI software. This doesn't impact all other modules, such as, PQI, IQI, and PDI.

• 'Expected Rate' column data missing in the WinQI v2019 Exported file

This issue relates to the data export function in WinQI v2019. You can access this function by clicking on the top left menu and choosing the "Export Data" option. In the exported file (.csv, .xlsx, .json, .tfs), one of the columns, "Expected Rate" - was missing the data. This issue is now fixed, and the calculated "Expected Rate" values is now correctly included in the exported file.

• Importing input file with v36 as the value for the DRG Version in your input file reported error in WinQI v2019 for some users

This issue relates to importing the input files in WinQI version v2019. For some users, having v36 as the DRG version showed import related error. WinQI version v2019 supports DRG version v36 and this issue is now resolved in this release and importing input file with DRG version v36 works as expected.

2.0 Empirical Methods Document

The latest version, v2019 of the Empirical Methods document is now published and available on the website at:

https://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Resources/Publications/2019/Empirical ______Methods_2019.pdf

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