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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determined that an addendum is required for the *Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures, Version 5.14a*, for implementation with acute inpatient discharges effective July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. The addendum has been posted to QualityNet (<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/>) for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program.

**The addition of Appendix A.2 is of special interest:** Appendix A.2 reflects the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-10 code updates for fiscal year 2023 effective for October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, discharges. Table 4.01: Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock (SEP) was updated.

Access this updated version on [QualityNet](#) by selecting the Hospitals - Inpatient link. Then, select either the Download Q3/Q4 2023 Specs or *View all Specification Manuals* link. You may download the entire manual, download the release notes, or view specific sections of the manual. A complete list of changes to the specification manual are in Version 5.14 and Version 5.14a of the release notes. The direct link is <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/specifications-manuals%23tab2#tab2>.

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