

**Memorandum**

Date: September 21, 2010  
From: Albert Tsai  
To: Participating Minnesota Stroke Registry Hospitals  
Re: Schedule and guidance regarding fall 2010 changes to Coverdell data elements and measures

CDC, Get With The Guidelines-Stroke, and The Joint Commission have been rolling out changes to data elements and measure calculations this fall. This memo provides all hospitals with guidance regarding these changes from the Coverdell program overall, as well as a timeline and guidance regarding these changes specifically for our MSRT user hospitals.

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**September 21, 2010 (today):** Guidance Document Release (effective October 1, 2010)

These documents will be distributed to our participating hospitals to accompany our quarterly conference call:

1. Memorandum (this document)
2. MSR Dictionary 1.3.5
3. MSRT (Paper) 1.3.5 (non-highlighted – use for discharges through 9/30/10)
4. MSRT (Paper) 1.3.5 (highlighted - this is a preview of MSRT 2.0. Use for discharges 10/1/10 going forward)
5. Release Notes 1.3.5
6. Business Logic Guidance 1.3.5

**September 30, 2010**

- Abstraction:
  - o All hospitals: Patients discharged after 9/30/10 should be abstracted according to abstraction guidance in MSR Dictionary 1.3.5 or the September 2010 PMT coding instructions.
  - o MSRT users: Use non-highlighted paper tool version 1.3.5 for patients discharged through 9/30/10.
  - o MSRT users: The new MSRT (online) version will be released on 9/30/10. Several data elements (see table on page 2) will convert from being “required” to “optional”, based on the discharge date of 10/1/10 or later. (Most of these will then be retired in December.)
- Reporting: Measures will be calculated using the current algorithms on all patient cases through September 30 (the end of Q3 2010). Beginning on October 1, the performance measure algorithms will be updated with the following changes:
  - o CDC Performance Measure Set: “Admitted for Elective Carotid Endarterectomy” and “Clinical Trial” are no longer exclusion criteria for the CDC measures.
  - o STK-6 (Discharged on Statin Medication): “Evidence of Atherosclerosis” is no longer an inclusion criterion.
  - o STK-LDL: Retired.

**October 1 – December 30, 2010**

- MSRT users must complete abstraction and data entry on patients discharged through September 30, including all data elements required for patients discharged on or before 9/30/10. Use non-highlighted MSRT 1.3.5 paper form.
- For cases discharged from October through December, you may use our advance (highlighted) copy of the updated paper form.

**Table. Data Element (MSRT) transitions, effective 9/30/10**

Name	Discharges through 9/30/10 (MSRT 1.3.5)	Discharges on/after 10/1/10 (MSRT 2.0)	On 12/30/10 (release of MSRT 2.0)	Measures Impacted
Race, other - Specify	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Point of Origin for Admission or Visit	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
EMS call - Date Field	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
EMS call - Time Field	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
EMS call - Date not documented	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
EMS call - Time not documented	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Was there EMS pre-notification to your hospital?*	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	None
Was patient admitted for elective carotid intervention?*	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	All Joint Commission measures
Was patient participating in a stroke-related clinical trial?*	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	All Joint Commission measures
IA catheter based reperfusion at outside hospital?	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Investigational or experimental protocol for thrombolysis?	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Investigational protocol - If yes, specify	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Neuro Admit	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Other service Admit	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Stroke consult	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
No Stroke consult	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
In stroke unit*	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	None
Not in stroke unit*	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	None
HDL	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Triglycerides	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Glycosylated HB	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Documentation in record of evidence of atherosclerosis?	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	STK-6
Did patient receive rehab services during hospitalization?	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None
Was patient transferred to a rehabilitation facility?	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	RETIRED	None

\*These elements are required for discharges through 9/30/10 and will remain optional thereafter.

\*\*These elements are currently optional and will remain optional for MSRT users. TJC Primary Stroke Centers should still answer these data elements, however, as these remain part of the algorithms for TJC measures.

All of the remaining elements will convert from required to optional for discharges after 10/1/10 until the MSRT version release on 12/30/2010. At that time, these elements will be retired and no longer available on the MSRT.