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To: All Users of Public Release Arizona Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data

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Subject: Issues affecting Arizona 2011-01 Inpatient data

Promise Hospital, MED2590, relocated from central Phoenix to Mesa effective March 9, 2011. The move has caused a shift in their patient demographics and a substantial increase in patient volume.

The Arizona law that mandates collection of discharge records from all Arizona licensed hospitals was revised in 2010. As a result, commencing with patient discharges January 1, 2011 and later, all **Arizona licensed Level 1 Psychiatric hospitals**, which were previously exempt, must now report their discharge records to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

There are 14 hospitals affected by this change in law, all of which are included in the 2011-01 data reporting:

MED3301	Aurora Behavioral Health System - Glendale
MED4271	Aurora Behavioral Healthcare – Tempe
MED0211	Banner Behavioral Health Hospital
MED0249	Carondelet St. Joseph’s O’Reilly Care Center
MED4019	Community Counseling Centers at Pineview Hospital
MED1078	(The) Guidance Center
MED2205	Haven Senior Horizons
MED0001	(The) Meadows of Wickenburg
MED0002	Remuda Ranch – Rio Program
MED1576	Sierra Tucson
MED1840	Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital
MED0233	St. Luke’s Behavioral Hospital
MED4385	Valley Hospital
MED3734	Windhaven Psychiatric Hospital

Due to the nature of the patient populations and the way psychiatric hospitals do business, their reporting is quite different in some areas than that of acute hospitals. Specific examples include billing by per diem, bundling of services, not using DRG, higher percentage of self-pay patients. One hospital has an entirely female population, which is correct.

Reporting of Present on Admission indicators by these hospitals proved problematic for this reporting period, as several hospitals lacked the capability to code/store this information in their information systems. This issue is being addressed, with improvement anticipated for 2011-02 and full compliance in 2012-01.

Please contact our office with any questions or concerns regarding these issues or anything else related to Arizona hospital discharge data.