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William Conroy
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Dear Mr. Conroy:

Thank you for sharing your feedback on the recommendations from the New Jersey Hospital Association regarding New Jersey's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program in the New Jersey Comprehensive Waiver section 1115 demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00279/2) on March 3, 2015. We would like to respond to your request to reduce the number of Stage 4 measures.

We recognize your concerns that the reporting for some of the Stage 4 measures requires significant hospital resources and investments. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) reviewed the recommendations from the New Jersey Hospital Association and recommends 12 measures for deletion in Stage 4. Of the 12 measures, 9 of them reflect chart-based measures to address the reporting burden expressed by the participating DSRIP hospitals. Enclosed are the approved Stage 4 measures for deletion.

Any questions regarding the New Jersey Comprehensive Waiver may be directed to your project officer, Mehreen Hossain. Ms. Hossain can be reached at (410) 786-0938 or Mehreen.Hossain@cms.hhs.gov. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Eliot Fishman
Director
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Enclosure

cc: Michael Melendez, ARA Region II

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Stage 4 Measures Approved for Deletion

Measure Count	Measure Name
1	Inpatient Utilization – General Hospital/ Acute Care
3	Pneumococcal Immunization (PPV 23)
4	Prophylactic Antibiotic Selection for Surgical Patients – Overall Rate
5	Prophylactic Antibiotics Discontinued Within 24 Hours After Surgery End Time – Overall Rate
6	Urinary catheter removed on Postoperative Day 1 (POD 1) or Postoperative Day 2 (POD 2) with day of surgery being day zero
7	Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis
8	Intensive Care Unit Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis
9	Venous Thromboembolism Patients Receiving Unfractionated Heparin with Dosages/ Platelet Count Monitoring by Protocol or Nomogram
10	Venous Thromboembolism Warfarin Therapy Discharge Instructions
14	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic
15	Preventive Care and Screening: High Blood Pressure
22	Gap in HIV Visits