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Dear Colleague:

In 2018, we provided information about the use of ORYX® vendors for chart-based data submission through 2019 and the use of ORYX vendors would be evaluated annually thereafter.

Starting with CY 2020 data, The Joint Commission no longer has contracts with ORYX chart-based vendors for certification or accreditation purposes.

- Effective with January 1, 2020 discharges, hospitals with advanced certification programs will manually enter their aggregate data into the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) application available on Joint Commission (JC) Connect.

All hospitals in the Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (ASRH), Primary Stroke Center (PSC), Thrombectomy-capable Stroke Center (TSC), Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC-A), and Perinatal Care (PNC) advanced certification programs that have been using an ORYX chart-based vendor will be transitioned to manually entering their aggregate data on the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) application available on Joint Commission (JC) Connect. During 2020, The Joint Commission will be working to enhance the data submission processes to resume electronic file transfers for CY2021 data submission.

Please note:

- ORYX vendors, based on contractual language for certification and accreditation purposes, are required to submit hospitals' 3rd and 4th quarter 2019 chart abstracted data in January and April 2020 using their current vendor data submission processes.
- Hospitals may use the services of a vendor to assist them in data collection and/or aggregation to prepare the hospital to manually report their aggregate data via the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) application available on JC Connect.
- Effective with January 1, 2020 discharges, two measures have been retired from the Perinatal Care measures for certification and accreditation purposes:
 - PC-03 Antenatal Steroids
 - PC-04 Health-Care Associated Bloodstream Infections in Newborns

Please contact HCOORYX@jointcommission.org should you have any questions.

Thank for your continued partnership with The Joint Commission toward our shared goal of quality improvement through performance data measurement.

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