

HCAHPS**Release Notes 1.0****HCAHPS XML File Specification Version 3.0****Guidelines for Using Release Notes**

Release Notes 1.0 provide modifications to the *HCAHPS XML File Specification*, beginning with **First Quarter 2008 Discharges**. The Release Notes are provided as a reference tool. Please refer to www.hcahponline.org for the complete technical specifications and sample file format.

Field Name <XML Element>	Description of Changes	Comments	Implementation Date
Survey Mode <survey-mode>	The “Survey Mode” tag has moved to the header section of the XML File.	To ensure that the element “Survey Mode” remains constant throughout a given quarter.	1Q 08 Discharges
Survey Mode <survey-mode>	Answer value “M” Missing, is no longer a valid answer value.	Mode of administration is a required value. It cannot be missing.	1Q 08 Discharges
Sampling Type <sample-type>	Answer value “9” Other/Unknown, is no longer a valid answer value.	Type of sampling utilized is a required value. It cannot be other/unknown.	1Q 08 Discharges
National Provider Identifier <npi>	NPI (National Provider Identifier) is a new data element, which has been added to the Header of the XML file schema.	Adding the NPI tag is a directive from CMS. Providing an answer value for this data element is optional at this time.	1Q 08 Discharges
Admission Source <admission-source>	Valid answer values have changed to the following: 1 – Non-Health Care Facility Point of Origin 2 – Clinic 4 - Transfer from a Hospital (Different Facility) 5 -Transfer from a SNF or ICF 6 -Transfer from another Health Care Facility	Admission source is a required data element. The answer value must be one of the new valid values.	1Q 08 Discharges

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	7 -Emergency room 8 -Court/Law Enforcement 9 -Information not available E - Transfer from Ambulatory Surgery Center D - Transfer from one distinct unit of the hospital to another distinct unit of the same hospital resulting in a separate claim to the payer		
Survey Language <language>	Valid answer values have changed to the following: 1 – English 2 – Spanish 3 – Chinese 8 – Not Applicable	Answer value 3 – <i>Chinese</i> is a new valid answer value	1Q 08 Discharges