HEART FAILURE

Measure Not Recommended

| Measure Number | Measure Title                                      | Description                                                                                                                                       | Numerator Statement                                                                                                                                  | Denominator Statement                                                                                                           | Exclusions                                                                                                                   | Adjustment/Stratification | Level of Analysis | Type of Measure | Data Source | Measure Steward |
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| 0136          | Heart Failure (HF): Detailed discharge instructions| Percentage of heart failure patients discharged home with written instructions or educational material given to patient or caregiver at discharge or during the hospital stay addressing all of the following: activity level, diet, discharge medications, follow-up appointment, weight monitoring, and what to do if symptoms worsen. | HF patients with documentation that they or their caregivers were given written discharge instructions or other educational material addressing all of the following: 1. activity level 2. diet 3. discharge medications 4. follow-up appointment 5. weight monitoring 6. what to do if symptoms worsen | HF patients discharged home (ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis of HF: 402.01, 402.11, 402.91, 404.01, 404.03, 404.11, 404.13, 404.91, 404.93, 428.0, 428.21, 428.22, 428.23, 428.30, 428.31, 428.32, 428.33, 428.40, 428.41, 428.42, 428.43, 428.9); and a discharge to home, home care, or court/law enforcement | • 18 years of age  
• Patients who have a length of stay greater than 120 days  
• Patients enrolled in clinical trials  
• Patients with comfort measures only documented  

Steering Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Do not recommend

Rationale: Did not pass Importance Criteria.

1. Importance to Measure and Report: Y-4; N-16
   (1a. Impact; 1b. Performance gap; 1c. Outcome or Evidence)

Rationale:
- Evidence lacking for relationship to outcomes.
- Literacy level is not addressed.
- There is no assessment of whether the instructions were reviewed with the patient and that the patient had good understanding of the instructions.