

JPPC HIGHLIGHTS

April/May, 1996

.....

A New Home for the JPPC

The JPPC (and the OCCP) will be moving to 20 Adelaide Street East (between Yonge & Victoria St.) in May, 1996. Change of address notices will be forwarded shortly.

1994/95 Update for the "How Do You Compare" Series

The "How Do You Compare" series comprises three reports that have been updated annually since their original release with 1992/93 data. These reports include:

- Moving to Out-Patient Surgery
- Reducing Length of Stay
- Moving to Ambulatory Care

Using 1994/95 data, the data tables for all three reports will be produced electronically, on diskette. An information manual will accompany the diskettes, which will contain the information for a single peer group. Hospitals will be able to print their own reports and comparison reports for their peer groups and all other hospitals.

Enhancements to the electronic Data Tables from the original paper versions include:

- All DPGs
 - Top 40 CMGs for the specific peer group
 - All MNRH CMGs
 - Provincial percentiles
 - Peer group percentiles
- Target date for distribution to the field is April, 1996.

{Contact Natalie Rashkovan
@ Ext. 4058}

News on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) for Chronic Care Designated Beds

In a letter dated March 21, 1996 from the Ministry of Health (MoH) to all Ontario hospitals, the implementation date for MDS data collection for all patients in Ministry of Health designated Chronic Care beds was changed from April 1 to July 1, 1996. Data for the second quarter (July 1 through September 30, 1996) must be submitted to CIHI by November 30, 1996.

In a CIHI bulletin dated March 11, 1996, facilities were requested to continue to submit discharge abstracts to CIHI for April 1 - June 30, 1996. CIHI is in the process of developing education sessions and revising the Ontario version of the User Guide and Submission Manual.

Questions for the CIHI should be directed to :

- Your hospital's designated Client Representative.

• Lynne Ashworth, Coordinator, Chronic Care Client Support for MDS at (416) 429-0477, ext. 3503, or

• Barbara McLean, Manager, Client Services and Project Manager at (416) 429-0477, ext. 3502.

{Contact Natalie Rashkovan
@ Ext. 4058}

Hospital CEO's Please Circulate this Document to:

- ☐ Trustees
- ☐ Senior Management
- ☐ Dept./Program Directors
- ☐ Medical Staff

1996/97 Day Surgery Procedure Exclusion List and the Revised 1994/95 Day Surgery Incentive Model

The Revised 1994/95 Day Surgery Incentive Model, which compares a hospital's day surgery performance to the provincial average, has now been distributed to Ontario hospitals. Although minimal changes have been made to the model, several "value-added" reports have been included to assist hospitals in focusing on areas that have a significant impact on their overall day surgery performance relative to the provincial average.

The 1996/97 Day Surgery Procedure Exclusion List, which incorporates revisions based on feedback from the hospital field, has also been

distributed. The Exclusion List is for health records coding, and is designed to provide consistency and commonality for the coding of day surgery procedures by Health Records Departments. All insured services/procedures on the exclusion list continue to be funded as part of hospitals' Global Budget, and should continue to be delivered as hospital-based services. The JPPC anticipates that the Ministry of Health will soon release a letter mandating this revised exclusion list for 1996/97.

{Contact Gary Spencer @ Ext. 4060}

1996-97 Transfer Payments to Hospitals

On February 23, 1996, the Ministry of Health (MoH) notified all Ontario hospitals of their transfer payments for fiscal 1996/97. In March, all Ontario hospitals received a report from the JPPC entitled "*Methodology Used to Calculate 1996/97 Transfer Payment to Ontario Hospitals*". This report described the methodology used by the MoH, based on the recommendations of the JPPC, to calculate the reductions in transfer payments to hospitals in 1996/97.

This methodology uses a combination of differential funding reductions: adjustment factors for weighted patient care activity (i.e., acute inpatient, newborn, and day surgery), and across-the-board reductions for hospital activity that cannot be accurately measured (i.e., rehabilitation, chronic care, clin-

ics, emergency, and medical surgical day care). The detailed calculations and components of the funding reductions for all Ontario hospitals are outlined in the appendices of the report.

Inquiries and questions pertaining to the methodology applied to determine hospital funding reductions for 1996-97 should be sent by fax to Gary Spencer, Technical Planning Consultant, JPPC Secretariat, at (416) 429-6948. Although no changes will be made to the methodology for 1996/97, the JPPC Hospital Funding Committee invites hospitals to submit issues and suggestions for refinements to the methodology for consideration in 1997/98. These should be received by the JPPC prior to May 1, 1996.

{Contact Gary Spencer @ Ext. 4060}

Adjustment Factors: Phase 2

The Adjustment Factors Sub-Committee Phase 1 work culminated in the implementation of the Phase 1 Adjustment Factors in the 1996-97 hospital funding methodology. Adjustment factors used in 1996/97 funding included level of patient care, teaching and neonatal care.

The Adjustment Factors Sub-Committee will be holding a Retreat in May to discuss which factors are most important to address in Phase 2 of its work and to develop a workplan for data collection and analysis. Members of the JPPC funding committees will be invited, as well as other hospital representatives, academic advisors, and representatives from institutions such as ICES, Statistics Canada, CIHI, etc.

Potential Phase 2 factors include: Socio-Economic Status, Availability of Community Resources, Research, Patient Severity/Complexity, Other Students (e.g., nursing students), Other Isolation Factors (e.g., weather, accessibility by road), 'Northern-type' factors (e.g., heating costs, etc.), and Sole Community Provider by Program.

Further information regarding the Retreat is forthcoming.

{Contact Kanini Rodney @ Ext. 4062}

TO REACH THE JPPC

Phone: (416) 429-2551

FAX: (416) 429-6948

Internet: jppc@interlog.com