**PQI #2 Perforated Appendix Admission Rate**

**Numerator**

Discharges with ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for perforations or abscesses of appendix in any field among cases meeting the inclusion rules for the denominator.

*Include ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes (outcome of interest):*

- 5400 AC APPEND W PERITONITIS
- 5401 ABSCESS OF APPENDIX

*Exclude cases:*

- transfer from a hospital (different facility)
- transfer from a skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
- transfer from another health care facility
- MDC 14 (pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium)

**Denominator**

All non-maternal discharges of age 18 years and older in Metro Area or county with diagnosis code for appendicitis in any field.

*Include ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes (population at risk):*

- 5400 AC APPEND W PERITONITIS
- 5401 ABSCESS OF APPENDIX
- 5409 ACUTE APPENDICITIS NOS
- 541 APPENDICITIS NOS