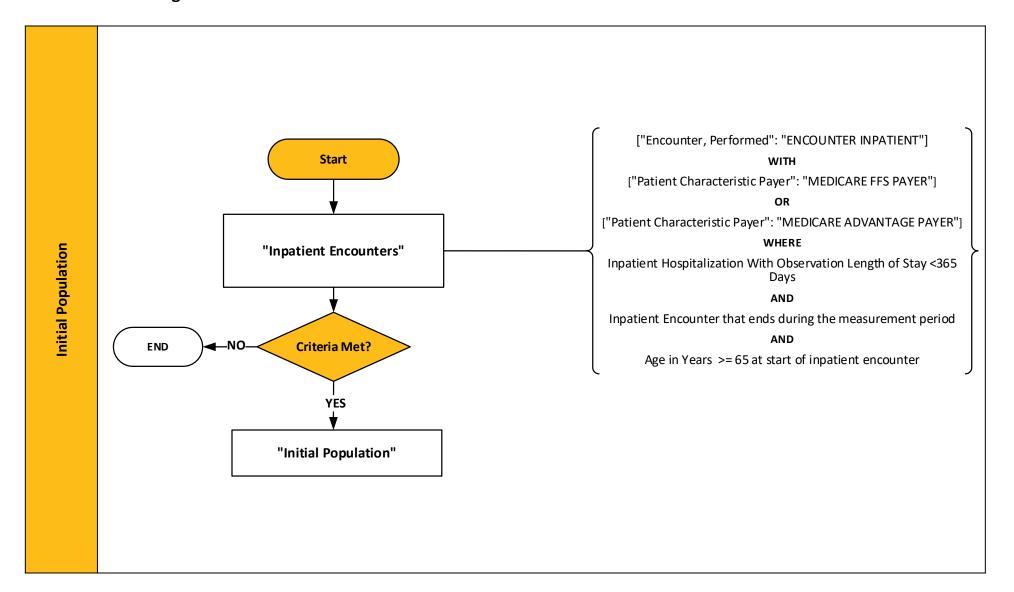
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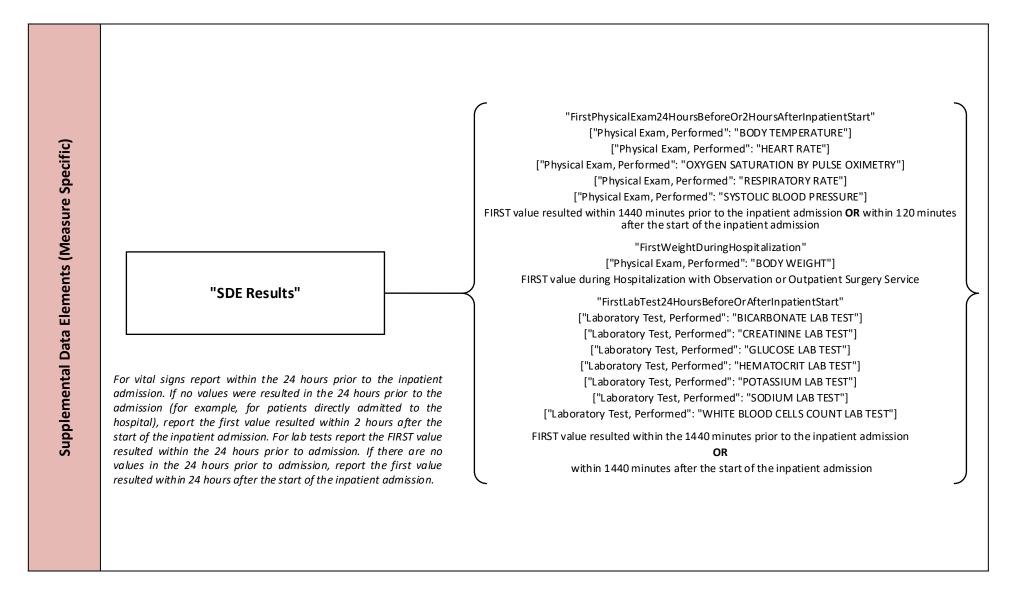
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#### **Measure Flow Narrative**

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## Measure Description

This logic is intended to extract electronic clinical data. This is not an electronic clinical quality measure and this logic will not produce measure results. Instead, it will produce a file containing the data that CMS will link with administrative claims to risk adjust the Hybrid HWR outcome measure. It is designed to extract the first resulted set of vital signs and basic laboratory results obtained from hospitalizations for adult Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Medicare Advantage (MA) patients admitted to acute care hospitals.

## Initial Population

All Medicare Fee-For-Service and Medicare Advantage encounters for patients aged 65 and older at the start of an inpatient admission, who are discharged during the measurement period (length of stay < 365 days).

NOTE: All Medicare Fee-For-Service and Medicare Advantage encounters meeting the above criteria should be included, regardless of whether Medicare Fee-For-Service/Medicare Advantage is the primary, secondary, or tertiary payer.

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For hospitalizations in the Initial Population, report the FIRST value for vital signs (physical exams) resulted within the 24 hours prior to the inpatient admission. If no values were resulted in the 24 hours prior to the admission (for example, for patients directly admitted to the hospital), report the first value resulted within 2 hours after the start of the inpatient admission.

The physical exam CCDEs (Core Clinical Data Elements) are as follows:

**Body Temperature** 

Heart rate

Oxygen saturation (by pulse oximetry)

Respiratory rate

Systolic blood pressure

For body weight, the logic supports extraction of the FIRST resulted vital sign recorded during the hospitalization, which may be prior to, or during admission.

For laboratory test results, report the FIRST value resulted within the 24 hours prior to admission. If there are no values in the 24 hours prior to admission, report the first value resulted within 24 hours after the start of the inpatient admission.

The laboratory test CCDEs are as follows:

Bicarbonate

Creatinine

Glucose

Supplemental Data Elements (Measure Specific)

Hematocrit

Potassium

Sodium

White blood cell count

First values for the CCDEs may be resulted in the emergency department or other hospital outpatient locations within the hospital facility before a patient is subsequently admitted to the same hospital. First values for these data elements may also be resulted in an inpatient location for directly admitted patients who do not receive care in the emergency department or other hospital outpatient/ same day surgery locations before admission.

NOTE: Do not report ALL values on a hospitalization during the entire admission. Only report the FIRST resulted value for EACH CCDE collected in the appropriate timeframe, if available.

For every patient in the Initial Population, also identify payer, race, ethnicity and sex.