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Winter Surprises

Every winter it looks like nothing is happening. Trees are bare, the ground is dry and frozen, and the flowers are dormant. Yet, there is a lot going on below the barren surfaces—trees are preparing for spring, flowers are getting ready to burst, animals are storing energy, and sunny days are on the horizon! Just like nature, this is the time for you to recharge, set new goals, and get ready for the ASC quality reporting activities for the coming year!

Take these steps to prepare for spring and all the activities that come with it:

1. **Prepare to submit your facility data via the web-based data collection tool on Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR)**
   * Make sure your Security Official (SO) account is active in the HQR System for your ASC by logging into HQR.
   * If your account is not active or you are not yet registered as an SO for your facility, log in to reactivate or register for an account.
   * Collect data from calendar year (CY) 2021 and submit by May 16, 2022.

2. **Prepare to submit your facility data via the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).**
   * Make sure you have an active Secure Access Management System (SAMS) account. If not, email NHSN@cdc.gov and request a SAMS invite to start this process. You cannot access the NHSN portal without the appropriate SAMS credentials.
   * Collect data for one self-selected week of **each** month in the quarter and submit by the deadline. Quarter 1, 2022, data are due by August 15, 2022. Tools for data submission can be found here. **You must submit data for each month of the quarter in order to meet the reporting requirement.**

   Note: If you have issues with your Facility Administrator (FA) status once you log in to NHSN, follow these steps:
   * Email NHSN@cdc.gov if it has been more than 365 days since your last login and you are unable to log in.

- ✳ Email NHSN@cdc.gov to start the registration process if there is currently no FA at your facility. Enter **SAMS Invite** in the subject line.
- ✳ Visit the Change NHSN Facility Administrator page if the FA needs to be updated.

If you missed our ***Successful Reporting for the COVID-19 Vaccination Among Healthcare Personnel Measure*** webinar on February 2, 2022, you can access the recording on QualityReportingCenter.com.

As always, you can call us toll-free at 866.800.8756 or contact us via the Question and Answer tool and we will help!