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We started jargon busting in our last Qualit-e-Quips and found more terms that could use some explanation: Facility Administrator and Security Administrator.

- Facility Administrator – Used in the **National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)** to describe the person who has the authority to submit data and to add other users who can view and enter data into the NHSN.
- Security Administrator – Used in the **QualityNet Secure Portal** to describe the person who has the authority to submit data and to add other users who can view and enter data reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) through QualityNet.

Yes, they have similar functions. No, **they aren't interchangeable**. Facility Administrators are only allowed access to the NHSN, and there is a [special process](#) for becoming one. Security Administrators are only allowed access to QualityNet, and there is a [special process](#) for becoming one. If you're the Facility Administrator for NHSN, that doesn't mean you can access the Secure Portal of QualityNet; these are separate systems with separate security requirements.

Thanks for your suggestions! We'll address more of them soon. Please contact us by phone at 866.800.8756 or email us at <https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com> if you have any questions or jargon we can bust for you!