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Facilities participating in the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program must be enrolled with the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to submit COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (COVID HCP) measure data. IPFs that are already enrolled with the NHSN are advised to log in well in advance of the deadline to avoid potential access issues later.

IPFs that are not enrolled with the NHSN are advised to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible as the processing time is approximately four to six weeks. Failure to initiate enrollment with the NHSN prior to **April 1, 2022**, may jeopardize an IPF's ability to submit and verify submission of accurate COVID HCP measure data prior to the **May 16, 2022**, submission deadline.

**IMPORTANT:** IPFs must submit the COVID HCP measure data for the reporting period of Quarter 4 2021 (October 1–December 31, 2021) by the **May 16, 2022**, submission deadline. Failure to do so may result in a two-percentage point reduction in the fiscal year 2023 annual payment update from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We strongly recommend that your IPF initiate the enrollment process with the NHSN now if you have not already done so. Thereafter, quarterly deadlines for COVID HCP measure data will also impact future payments.

You are encouraged to refer to the following resources to assist with the NHSN enrollment and the COVID HCP measure data-submission processes.

#### **On Demand Educational Webinar**

Go to the Quality Reporting Center website to view the *NHSN Enrollment and Reporting Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Data* webinar:

<https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/en/events-on-demand/ipf/t/>. There you will find the presentation slides, event recording, and presentation transcript.

#### **NHSN User Support**

For information about NHSN enrollment, refer to the website specific to IPFs at this link: [Enrollment for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities | NHSN | CDC](#). If you have questions, please contact the NHSN Help Desk at [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov). Be sure to include "IPF Enrollment Guidance" for NHSN enrollment questions or "Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination - IPF" for questions about reporting COVID HCP measure data in the subject line. Include the name and CMS Certification Number (CCN) of the facility in the body of the email.

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