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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.

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.

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 *Reporting Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Data Refresher* webinar: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/en/inpatient-quality-reporting-programs/inpatient-psychiatric-facilities-quality-reporting-program/2022-events/ipf42722/>. 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. 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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