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The first of October may mean apple picking and falling leaves for some, but for us it means the start of flu season and entering data into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) is introducing a new requirement for NHSN users that will affect both Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) who have entered data previously and those who are new to NHSN. Beginning in December 2017, NHSN users will need to accept an updated NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent, even if you have submitted one previously.

This new form will be submitted electronically through NHSN. CDC will send reminders to facility administrators and primary contacts at ASCs when the form becomes available. Your facility's primary contact is required to accept the new form by **February 24, 2018** or you will not be able to submit data in NHSN for ASC-8, the healthcare personnel flu vaccination measure required by the ASC Quality Reporting Program. NHSN functionality will be disabled until the consent form is accepted by your facility's primary contact.

More information will be available towards the end of October on the [NHSN website](#). NHSN users will be notified once the form has been published.

We also will be presenting a webinar on how to enter your ASC-8 data into NHSN at 2:00 on October 25, so mark that date on your calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact us by phone at 866.800.8756 or email us at <https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com>. We'll put down our apple cider doughnuts to answer your call!