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## **CDC Extends NHSN Consent Deadline to July 9, 2018**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has extended the deadline for completing the online National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Agreement to Participate and Consent form, referred to as the Consent in this news blast. **The new deadline for completing the Consent is July 9, 2018**, which applies to ALL facilities currently enrolled in NHSN regardless of their CMS participation.

The re-consent is accessible to only the NHSN Facility Administrator or Primary Contact user. The new deadline provides additional time for each facility's NHSN Facility Administrator or Primary Contact to complete the online Consent and avoid any interruptions in access to the NHSN application, including access for purposes of submitting data to meet local, state, or federal reporting requirements. Please be informed that if the Consent is not completed by the new deadline, access to NHSN will be temporarily suspended. Additionally, users will receive an error message when they attempt to log into NHSN redirecting them to the Facility Administrator or Primary Contact.

Participating acute care facilities will need to re-consent for **two components: Patient Safety and Healthcare Personnel Safety**. **PLEASE NOTE:** Once a user has successfully consented to **one** component, the user will need to return to the **NHSN Landing Page** to repeat the steps and consent to the **second** component. For further information, please see the [Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program Quick Start Guide: Accepting the Updated NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent](#).

NHSN is pleased to assist with any questions or concerns providers may have regarding the Consent process. For more information on how to complete the NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent process, please visit, <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/about-nhsn/faq-agreement-to-participate.html>. You may also direct questions to [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov).