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May 15, 2017 Deadline is Coming Fast – Submit Your HAI and HCP Data Today!

The deadline for submitting fourth quarter (4Q) 2016 Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) and 4Q 2016 – first quarter (1Q) 2017 Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) data is right around the corner. These data must be submitted by **May 15, 2017**, to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Hospitals are encouraged to submit data well before the deadline in order to allow for transmission from the CDC to CMS and be reflected in a timely manner on data submission reports.

ATTENTION: If your facility misses the submission deadline, it will be at risk of having its annual payment reduced by one-fourth of the applicable market basket update. It is vital to submit your data today.

The HAI measures for which data must be submitted quarterly are as follows:

- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
- *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI)
- Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)
- Colon and Abdominal Hysterectomy Surgical Site Infection (SSI)
- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) Bacteremia

Additionally, hospitals are required to collect and submit HCP measure data annually to the CDC through NHSN; the submission period corresponds to the flu season (October 1 through March 31).

REMINDER: You must create a Monthly Reporting Plan before being allowed to submit your data. For additional guidance on reporting requirements, please visit the CMS Requirements page at <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/index.html>.

You can update/correct your submitted HAI and HCP data until the CMS submission deadline; immediately following, the CDC will send the data to CMS. Any updates made in NHSN after the

submission deadline will not be reflected in the data CMS uses. Data cannot be changed with CMS after the deadline.

IMPORTANT: Make sure to allow ample time before the deadline to review and, if necessary, correct your data. **Data that are modified in NHSN after the submission deadline are not sent to CMS** and will not be used in CMS pay-for-performance programs, including the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program and the Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program (HACRP).

HAI Measure Exception Information

SSI: Hospitals can request an exception from submitting SSI measures to fulfill the CMS Hospital IQR Program HAI reporting requirement, if the following condition applies: the hospital must have performed no more than nine of any of the specified colon and abdominal hysterectomy procedures combined during the calendar year prior to the reporting year.

CAUTI/CLABSI: Acute care hospitals are required to report CAUTI and CLABSI data from all patient care locations that are mapped as NHSN adult and pediatric medical, surgical, and medical/surgical wards, in addition to the ongoing reporting from intensive care units (ICUs). The requirement to report from ward locations will be limited to those locations that are mapped as, or defined as, CDC adult and pediatric medical, surgical, and medical/surgical wards, as listed below.

CDC Location Label	CDC Location Code
Medical Ward	IN:ACUTE:WARD:M
Medical/Surgical Ward	IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS
Surgical Ward	IN:ACUTE:WARD:S
Pediatric Medical Ward	IN:ACUTE:WARD:M_PED
Pediatric Medical/Surgical Ward	IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS_PED
Pediatric Surgical Ward	IN:ACUTE:WARD:S_PED

Any unit that meets the definition of – and is mapped as – a specific type that is not an ICU, neonatal ICU, or one of the six wards listed above (e.g., mapped as orthopedic ward, telemetry ward, step-down unit) will not be required for CMS Hospital IQR Program HAI reporting.

Hospitals that have no units mapped as medical, surgical, medical/surgical, or ICU can request an exception from submitting CAUTI and CLABSI measures. Any data reported from non-required units in NHSN will not be submitted to CMS.

NOTE: Hospitals that meet HAI exception requirements for SSI, CAUTI, and CLABSI as indicated above may submit an [IPPS Measure Exception Form](#).

Questions? Please contact us at (866) 800-8765, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.