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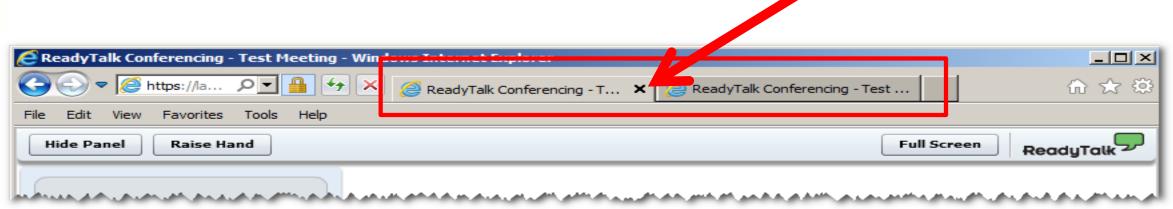
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SSM Health's Sepsis Core Measure Journey

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Incorporating the Evidence-Based Guidelines into Clinical Workflows

EHR Support of the Clinical Workflows and SEP-1 Compliance Education: SEP-1 Interventions, Workflows, and EHR Changes

Data Monitoring to Improve SEP-1 Compliance



Learning Objectives

- Understand the relationship between evidence-based sepsis guidelines and the new CMS SEP-1 interventions in order to develop <u>new clinical</u> workflows
- Identify ways to utilize an <u>electronic health record</u> to better comply with the CMS SEP-1 interventions
- Identify various methods to <u>educate</u> staff in order to comply with the new CMS SEP-1 interventions
- Create and utilize SEP-1 <u>performance reports</u> to increase compliance and identify opportunities for improvement

Acronyms

APN Advanced Practice Nurse

• ARISE Australasian Resuscitation In Sepsis Evaluation

• **BPA** Best Practice Advisories

• **CMS** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

• CQI*plus* Continuous Quality Improvement Plus

CVP Central Venous Pressure

• **ED** Emergency Department

• **EGDT** Early goal directed therapy

• EHR Electronic Health Record

• ICU Intensive Care Unit

• IV Intravenous

MAP Mean Arterial Pressure

• PA Physician's Assistant

ProCess
 Protocol-based Care for Early Septic Shock

• **ProMISE** Protocolised Management in Sepsis

• **SEP** Sepsis

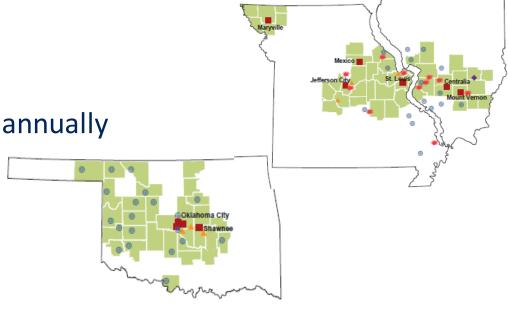
• SSC Surviving Sepsis Campaign

• **STEMI** ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction



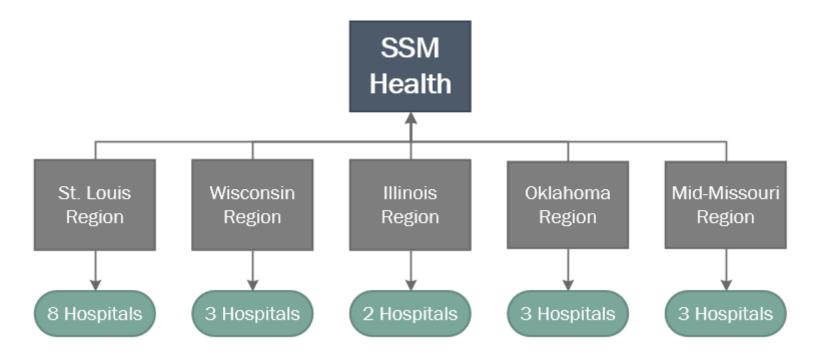
SSM Health - Who We Are

- One of the largest Catholic health care systems in the United States
- Founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary in 1872
- Non-profit organization
- Operates in Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma & Wisconsin
 - 19 hospitals
 - Headquartered in St. Louis
 - 4,220 total licensed beds
 - Approximately 145,000 inpatient admissions annually
- 30,000 employees & 7,000 physicians



SSM Health – Who We Are

Organizational Structure: System-level, regional networks, and individual hospitals



Incorporating the Evidence-Based Guidelines into Clinical Workflows

Overview and History of Sepsis Treatment

- Golden Age of Germ Therapy (1800s): Hand washing, aseptic technique, Pasteur, Koch
- 1929: Fleming discovers penicillin
- 1950: Endotoxin and interferon
- 1970-1980s: Hemodynamics of shock
- 1980s-present: Clinical trials
- 2001: Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC) formed
- 2001: Early goal directed therapy (EGDT)



Current Sepsis Treatment

- SSC guidelines: 2004, 2008 and 2012
- March 2014: ProCESS trial
- October 2014: ARISE trial
- April 2015: ProMISe trial
- April 2015: SSC bundle update
- October 2015: CMS SEP-1 implementation

Comparison of SSC Update and SEP-1 Interventions

Intervention	4/15 SSC Update	SEP-1
Lactic acid	Yes	Yes
Blood Culture	Yes	Yes
Antibiotics	Yes	Yes
IV fluids (30 ml/kg)	Yes	Yes
Pressors (MAP <65)	Yes	Yes
If MAP < 65 reassess volume status	Yes	Yes
Repeat lactic acid	Yes	Yes

Local: SSM Health - DePaul Hospital

- 2009: ED and ICU Medical Director collaboration
- 2010: Formalized treatment philosophies, education, and data collection
- 2011: Internal intensivist improvement metric
- 2012: Sepsis workgroup with monthly meetings
- 2013: Inpatient screening research project
- 2014: Sepsis tracking tool research project
- 2015: Ongoing process improvement and implementation of regional and system recommendations

Regional: SSM Health – St. Louis

- 2011: Standing agenda item on St. Louis Critical Care Collaborative monthly meeting
- 2011: St. Louis Sepsis Steering Team (multi-disciplinary team)
- 2012: Steering Team recommendations released
- 2012: Sepsis Summit I
- 2013: Sepsis metrics included in contracts
- 2013: Sepsis Summit II
- 2015: Ongoing process improvement and implementation of local and system recommendations

System: SSM Health

- 2011: CQIplus research study
- 2013: System Sepsis Team
- 2013: Patient-specific and System scorecards
- 2013: Inpatient screening research project
- 2014: ED symptom-based screening
- 2014: Bundle compliance tracking tools in ED and ICU
- 2015: Sepsis Summit III
- 2015: Ongoing process improvement and implementation of local and regional recommendations

2015 SEP-1 Implementation: System-Level Approach

- System Sepsis Team
 - Clinical focus
 - Facilitation of the EHR updates
 - Collaboration with other System Teams
- System Sepsis Core Measure Task Force
 - Quality/core measure focus: standardized abstraction paper tool development
 - Gap analysis of existing workflows
 - Education development: abstractors and clinicians

EHR Support of the Clinical Workflows and SEP-1 Compliance

EHR Update Overview

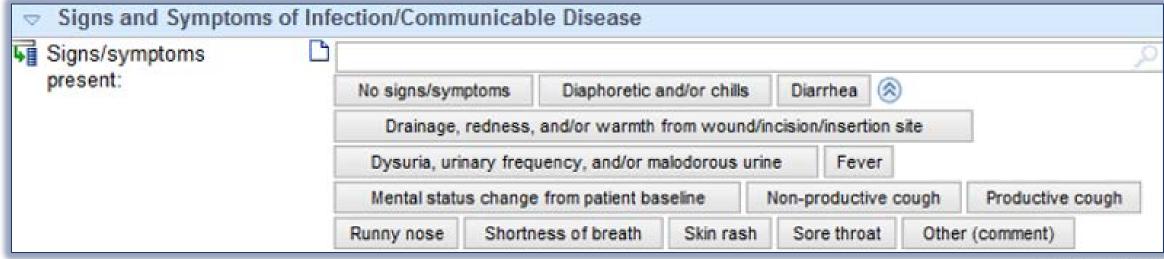
- Triage/Admission: Screen for infection
- Best Practice Advisories (BPA): ED Nurses and physicians
- Order sets: ED and inpatient
- Documentation: 6-hour Focused Exam Note Template
- Tracking methods for accurate data collection





Infection Screening

- Nurse assessment and documentation during Triage/Admission process
- Any of the following findings constitutes a positive infection screen:
 - Diaphoretic and/or chills
 - Drainage, redness, and/or warmth from wound/incision/insertion site
 - Dysuria, urinary frequency, and/or malodorous urine
 - Mental status change from patient baseline
 - Productive cough
 - Shortness of breath



Best Practice Advisory: ED Nurse 1

- Triggered by positive infection screen and abnormal vital signs
- "Accept" links to ED Nursing Sepsis Order Set
- Prompts nurse to notify the physician
- Initial alert is a pop-up, then displays in ED workspace



ED Nursing Sepsis Order Set: Overview

- Used by the nurse to initiate ED admission primarily during triage
- All orders are either auto-selected or contain explicit instructions
- New text highlights the SEP-1 components of the Order Set

CMS Sepsis Core Measure requirements included in Order Set:

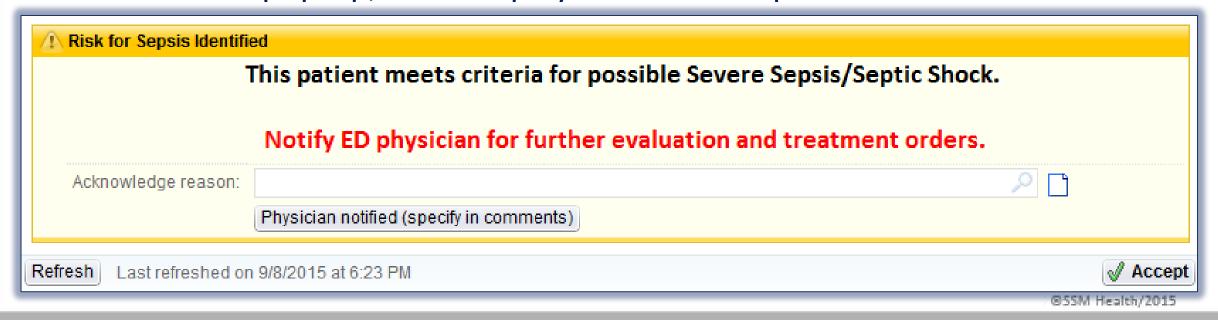
- -- Crystalloid bolus: ≥ 30 ml/kg NS or LR, initiated within 3 hrs -- initiate if patient hypotensive.
 Note: *Patient must be monitored for "persistent hypotension" during 60 min immediately following bolus*
- -- Blood cultures: Specimen(s) collected prior to initial dose IV antibiotic(s) and within 3 hrs
- -- Lactic acid: Initial specimen collected within 3 hrs. If initial level > 2 must have repeat lactic acid collected within 6 hrs

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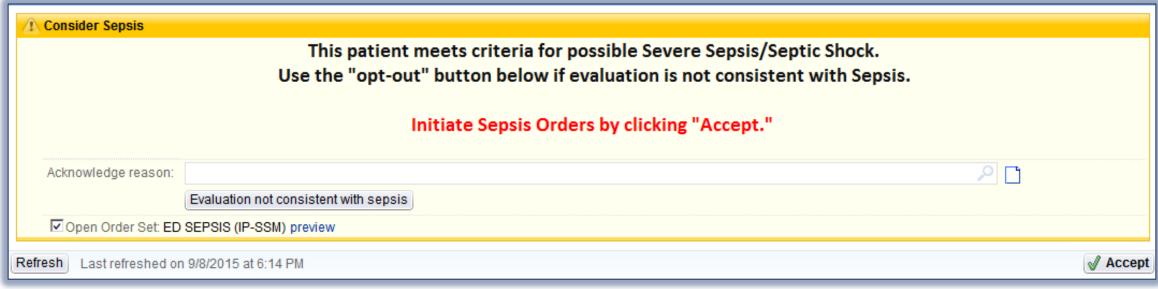
Best Practice Advisory: ED Nurse 2

- Used in Wisconsin and Maryville hospitals
- Triggered by positive infection screen and abnormal vital signs
- "Physician notified (specify in comments)" will suppress the nurse BPA but not the physician BPA
- Initial alert is a pop-up, then displays in ED workspace



Best Practice Advisory: ED Physician

- Triggered by positive infection screen and abnormal vital signs
- "Accept" will link to ED Physician Sepsis Order set
- "Evaluation not consistent with sepsis" suppresses the BPA and allows tracking
- Alert displays in the ED workspace with other BPAs



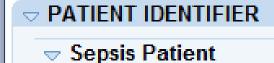
ED Physician Sepsis Order Set: Overview

- New text highlights the SEP-1 components of the Order Set
- Serial lactic acid levels
- Blood cultures
- Antibiotics comply with SEP-1 requirements
- IV fluid bolus
- Vasopressors list was updated to match SEP-1 requirements
- Central line insertion orders include CVP and mixed venous blood gas
- New SEPSIS PATIENT order



SEPSIS PATIENT Order

- SEPSIS PATIENT is found in the physician ED Order Sets
- "Identification" order indicates the physician is treating the patient for sepsis
- All ED Sepsis BPAs are suppressed with an active SEPSIS PATIENT order
- Logic hides the order in the Order Set if it is already active
 - Prevents duplicate SEPSIS PATIENT orders
 - Allows repeated use if needed as patient progresses



SEPSIS PATIENT

Do not discontinue this order - used to track patients being treated with Sepsis bundle orders.



ED Trackboard: Sepsis Risk Banner

- Sepsis Risk Banner is found in ED Trackboard Summary Reports
- Logic built to display the banner if either:
 - The physician Sepsis BPA is active
 - The patient has an active SEPSIS PATIENT order
- The banner displays if the patient meets sepsis criteria or is being treated for sepsis

Sepsis Risk Patient



6-Hour Focused Exam Note Template

- Assist documentation of the Repeat Focused Exam for Septic Shock
- Contains all required elements for SEP-1 measure

Septic Shock 6-Hour Focused Exam

Most Recent Vital Signs

@VS@

Focused Exam

Cardiac: Rhythm - {Exam; rhythm:22924} {Exam; cardiac:22892}

Peripheral pulses: {Exam; peripheral pulses:22917}

Capillary refill: {Exam; capillary refill:22918}

Pulmonary: {Exam; lung:22905}

Skin condition: {Exam; skin condition:22926}

Skin color: {Exam; skin color:22908}

Plan/Recommendation



6-Hour Focused Exam Note Template (cont'd)

Septic Shock 6-Hour Focused Exam

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Plan/Recommendation

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Radial and pedal pulses palpable, symmetric bilaterally in all extremities
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                                                   Dorsalis pedis pulses intact/symmetric { 0-4+:18880}
                                                   Posterior tibial pulses intact/symmetric { 0-4+:18880}
                                                   R radial pulse { 0-4+:18880}
Cardiac: Rhythm - {Exam; rhythm:22924} {Exam; ca L radial pulse { 0-4+:18880}
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capillary refill less than 2 seconds, no clubbing or cyanosis noted capillary refill greater than 2 seconds clubbing noted, {r/l/b:18451} {upper/lower:21139} extremities



Education: SEP-1 Interventions, Workflows, and EHR Changes

SEP-1 Education

- Education to clinicians and abstractors:
 - Differentiation between sepsis, severe sepsis, and septic shock
 - New CMS SEP-1 interventions
 - EHR updates
 - Improved workflows
- Physician/APN/PA education regarding accurate documentation
- Coding team education to appropriately code patients with sepsis, severe sepsis, and septic shock



SEP-1 Education Methods

- Tip sheets
- E-learning development
- Tri-fold pocket cards
- Presentations to specialty teams
- Grand Rounds
- Sepsis screensavers



Identification & Treatment of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock

Based on the CMS Sepsis Core Measure and guidelines provided by the Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC)

Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock Definitions

Severe Sepsis present when the following three are met within 6 hours of each other:

- Presence of infection/suspected infection
- Two or more Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS) criteria
 - Temp > 100.9°F (38.3°C) or < 96.8°F (36°C)
 - HR > 90 bpm
 - RR > 20 per min
- WBC count > 12000 or < 4000 or > 10% bands
- One or more signs of organ dysfunction
- Lactic acid > 2 and < 4
- Hypotension*
- Creatinine > 2
- Urine output < 0.5 ml/kg/hr x 2 hrs
- Bilirubin > 2 mg/dl
- PLT count < 100,000
- INR > 1.5
- aPTT > 60

Septic Shock present when both of the following are met within 6 hours of each other:

- Patient meets Severe Sepsis criteria above
- Either:
- Lactic acid > 4
- Persistent hypotension**

Notes

- If clinical criteria for Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock are not met, Physician/APN/PA documentation of Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock will be designated as the presentation time.
- If clinical criteria are met prior to Physician/APN/PA documentation, the presentation time will be the time that the last clinical criteria is met.

*Hypotension = SBP < 90 <u>or MAP</u> < 65 <u>or decrease in SBP</u> by > 40 from last SBP considered normal for patient

**Persistent hypotension = hypotension that occurs in the hour immediately following crystalloid fluid bolus

Treatment Overview

After identification of Severe Sepsis and/or Septic Shock, patient receives all of the following:

Within 3 hours of presentation time

- Lactic acid initial specimen obtained
- Blood cultures x1 (2 if possible) prior to IV antibiotics specimens obtained
- IV antibiotic(s) initiated
- Crystalloid fluid bolus (30 ml/kg Lactated Ringer's (LR) or 0.9% NaCl (NS) initiated) – if hypotension* present and/or initial lactic acid > 4

Within 6 hours of presentation time

Repeat lactic acid – if initial level > 2

If Septic Shock identified, patient receives the following in addition to those listed above:

Within 6 hours of presentation time

- Focused exam (.SEPSISFOCUSEDEXAM) Physician/APN/PA note must include all of the following:
- Review of VS: Must include temp, HR, RR and BP. Nursing may obtain VS.
- Cardiopulmonary evaluation: Includes heart and lung evaluations. Performed by Physician/APN/PA
- Capillary refill: Performed by Physician/APN/PA
- Peripheral pulse evaluation: Performed by Physician/APN/PA
- Skin exam: Includes reference to skin pallor, performed by Physician/APN/PA

-OR any two of the following-

- Central venous pressure measurement CVP may be documented by RN
- Central venous oxygen saturation (ScvO2) RN or RT documentation that specimen was obtained
- Cardiovascular ultrasound Physician/APN/PA, RN or US tech documentation that test was performed
- Passive leg raise <u>OR</u> fluid challenge:
- Passive leg raise must be performed and documented by Physician/APN/PA.
- Fluid challenge LR or NS bolus (500ml/15 min or 1000ml/30 min)

If Septic Shock with persistent hypotension **, also receives within 6 hours of presentation time

- Vasopressors initiated, must include one/more of the following:
 - Norepinephrine (LEVOPHED), phenylephrine (NEOSYNEPHRINE), dopamine, epinephrine, vasopressin (PITRESSIN)





Data Monitoring

- Development of electronic system-wide, hospital-specific, and clinician-specific reports that measure compliance
- Development of outlier spreadsheets and SEP-1 outlier database
- Hospital-specific outlier review to drive process improvement
- Clinician-specific feedback to improve performance
- Standardized performance scorecards are in development and will be sent to each hospital monthly

Recommendations for Improving Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock Treatment

- Cultural change regarding the early identification and timesensitive treatments
- Compliance with new CMS SEP-1 measure will help mediate this cultural change
- Goal: Develop tools for providers to achieve success

Recommendations for Improving Compliance with SEP-1

- Clinician engagement: Identify clinician champions
- Heightened awareness of severe sepsis and septic shock
- Wide-scale screening and early recognition of sepsis
- Treatment urgency: Time-sensitive treatment (STEMI and acute stroke)
- Development of hospital-based Code Sepsis Team

Recommendations for Improving Compliance with SEP-1 (cont'd)

- Identification and creation of local, regional, and system sepsis teams for large health care systems
- Develop EHR and educational tools to improve compliance
- Accurate data to drive process improvement at every level of the organization: System, regional, local

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SEP-1 EARLY MANAGEMENT BUNDLE SEVERE SEPSIS/SEPTIC SHOCK: MEASURE UPDATES

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SEP-1 Changes in Manual version 5.0b (slide 1 of 3)

Data Element	Brief Summary of Changes
Broad Spectrum or Other Antibiotic Administration	 Clarified the administration time frame wording to indicate IV antibiotics must be given in the 24 hours prior to OR 3 hours following presentation of severe sepsis Removed references to Tables 5.0 and 5.1 as they are not applicable for this data element
Broad Spectrum or Other Antibiotic Administration Time	 Clarified the time required for the IV antibiotic administration
Broad Spectrum or Other Antibiotic Administration Selection	 Clarified guidance on administration of the combination therapy

SEP-1 Changes in Manual version 5.0b (slide 2 of 3)

Data Element	Brief Summary of Changes
Crystalloid Fluid Administration	 Clarified wording to indicate that fluids could be given prior to presentation of septic shock
Persistent Hypotension	 Corrected the reference of 30 mL/kg as a rate to be a volume Clarified guidance around what documentation is used to determine the presence of persistent hypotension Added guidance to indicate not to use readings that were documented as erroneous

SEP-1 Changes in Manual version 5.0b (slide 3 of 3)

Data Element	Brief Summary of Changes
Septic Shock Present, Septic Shock Presentation Date, Septic Shock Presentation Time	 Clarified the abstraction guidance regarding the initial lactate level and the volume of crystalloid fluids administered Clarified that nursing documentation can be used
Severe Sepsis Present, Severe Sepsis Presentation Date, Severe Sepsis Presentation Time	 Added nurses notes/documentation to suggested data sources and clarified the criteria for Severe Sepsis

Continuing Education Approval

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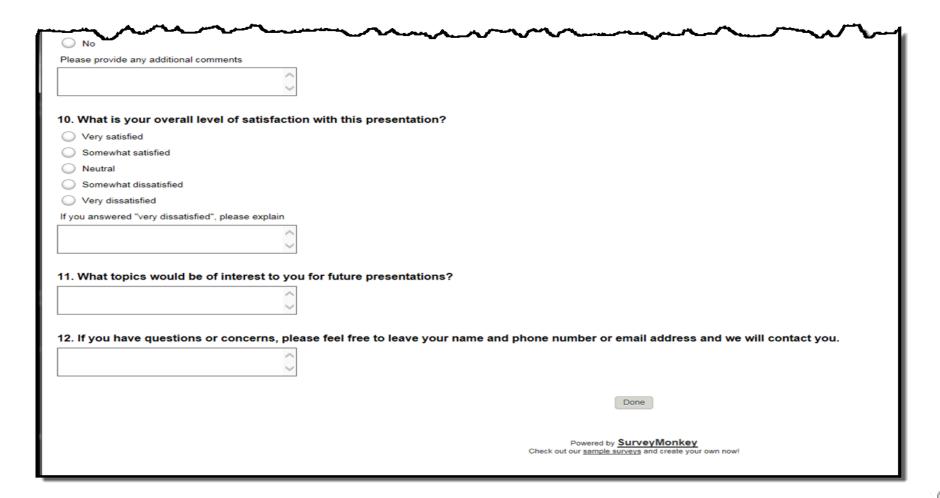
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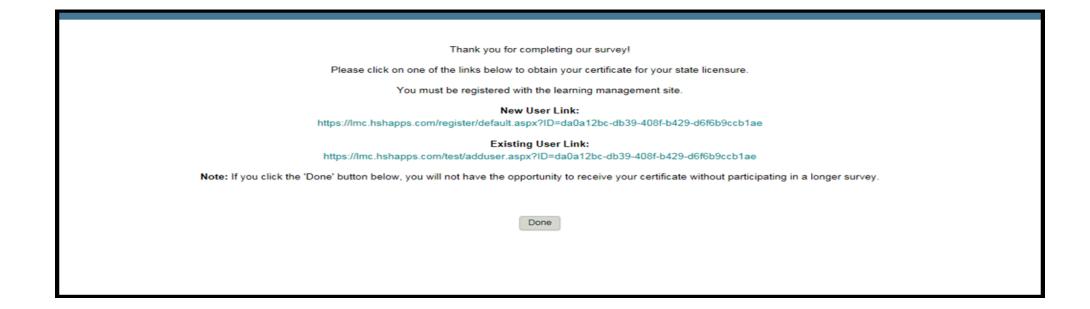
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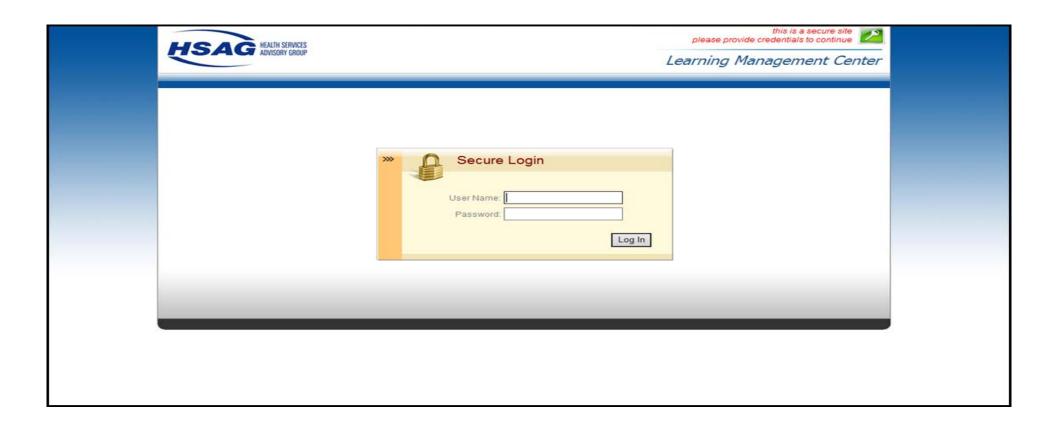
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