

Healthcare Associated Infection

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires hospitals participating in the CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program to report data collected by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). The NHSN is a secure, internet-based surveillance system maintained and managed by the CDC.

Measure:

1. Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)
Quarterly data collection and submission, effective with January 1, 2011 events.
Hospitals with NO Intensive Care Unit (ICU) locations can request HAI exception for submission of CLABSI measure to fulfill the CMS Hospital IQR Program NHSN reporting requirement.
2. Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
Quarterly data collection and submission, effective with January 1, 2012 events.
Hospitals with NO ICU locations can request a HAI exception for submission of CAUTI measure to fulfill the CMS Hospital IQR Program NHSN reporting requirement.
3. Surgical Site Infection (SSI)
Quarterly data collection and submission, effective with January 1, 2012 events.
Hospitals that performed 9 or fewer of any of the specified colon and abdominal hysterectomy procedures in the calendar year prior to the reporting year can request a HAI exception for submission of SSI measures to fulfill the CMS Hospital IQR Program NHSN reporting requirement.
4. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus- (MRSA)
Quarterly data collection and submission, effective with January 1, 2013 events.
5. Clostridium Difficile (C-difficile)
Quarterly data collection and submission, effective with January 1, 2013 events.
6. Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination
Quarterly data collection and submission, effective with January 1, 2013 events.

For more information about the NHSN measures, see the resources located at <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/index.html>.

For more information about the requirements and technical specifications of the HAI measure, see the resources located at www.qualitynet.org under the Hospitals-Inpatient tab/Healthcare Associated Infections.

If you have questions regarding the HAI Measures that are collected for the Hospital IQR Program, please go to the QualityNet web site <http://www.qualitynet.org> and select “Hospitals-Inpatient” under “Questions & Answers” to submit your questions.

Direct questions regarding NHSN training, enrollment and submission to: NHSN@cdc.gov.