

## New HAI Reporting Requirement

### Summary

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the final rule on the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) FY 2011 on July 30, 2010. The rule states that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) will be the tool used by facilities electing to participate in the CMS Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) pay-for-reporting program, also called the Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU). As part of that program, central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) data from each facility's adult and neonatal intensive care units must be reported to NHSN and shared with CMS beginning with January 1, 2011 discharges. Select surgical site infections (SSIs) are to be reported via NHSN beginning with January 2, 2012 discharges. Each facility's data will also be included in CMS' Hospital Compare website which publicly reports hospital performance in a consistent and unified manner.

This new partnership between CDC and CMS is a step toward greater transparency of HAI data, and also toward stronger accountability within the U.S. healthcare system. It also highlights the importance of strong facility-level support for infection prevention programs and professionals. All hospitals should start *now* in the NHSN enrollment process and locate NHSN training. Training is available online at the NHSN website (see below), as well as through publicized conferences and webinars.

For more information see:

CMS Press Release:

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=3804&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=1%2C+2%2C+3%2C+4%2C+5&intPage=&showAll=&Year=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

NHSN:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms-welcome.html>

Hospital Compare:

<http://hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/>

RHQDAPU:

<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1138115987129>

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Net:<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetHomepage&cid=1120143435363>