

Instructions for Accepting the NHSN Agreement for Reporting FHIR Data

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Background

The NHSN Agreement for Reporting FHIR Data (“FHIR Agreement”) serves as guidance for healthcare facilities that choose to submit data to NHSN using Healthcare Level Seven International (HL7®) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources® (FHIR®) application programming interfaces (APIs). The FHIR Agreement authorizes NHSN to access a facility's FHIR API server to retrieve data needed to calculate digital quality measures (dQMs) and other approved uses.

The FHIR Agreement must be electronically accepted by any facility that chooses to participate in NHSN FHIR reporting. Upon logging into NHSN, Facility Administrators will be prompted to review and electronically sign the updated FHIR Agreement on behalf of their facility to activate FHIR reporting.

For quick instructions on how to accept the updated FHIR Agreement, review the “[At-a-Glance Instructions](#)” section below. For more detailed step-by-step instructions, please see the lower section labeled “[Detailed Instructions for Accepting the NHSN FHIR Agreement](#).”

At-a-Glance Instructions

If you are the Facility Administrator for your facility:

1. Log into the NHSN application and select the Patient Safety Component.
2. Click on the “click here” link in the text alert at the top of your NHSN Home Page to access the NHSN FHIR Agreement.
3. In the components table below the NHSN FHIR Agreement, select the checkbox under “FHIR Agreement” for the component you are currently in (your name should be next to it, along with the role of Facility Administrator).
4. Click the “submit” button at the top of the page. You should see a pop-up window confirming that you have accepted the NHSN FHIR Agreement on behalf of your facility.

Congratulations!

You have accepted the NHSN FHIR Agreement for your facility. Even though you only selected one component, this acceptance applies to all FHIR reporting conducted by your facility across all components.

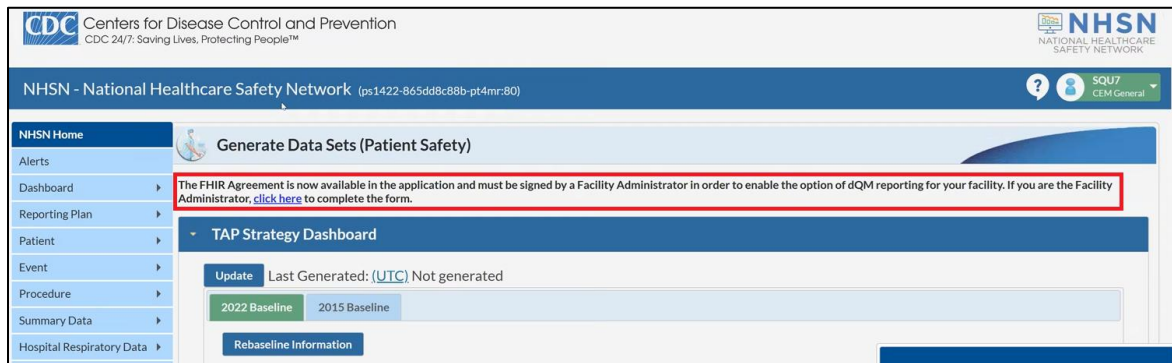
Please reach out to the NHSN Help Desk via [NHSN-ServiceNow](#) with any questions, using the subject line “NHSN FHIR Agreement,” or email nhsn@cdc.gov for further assistance.

Detailed Instructions for Accepting the NHSN Agreement for Reporting FHIR Data

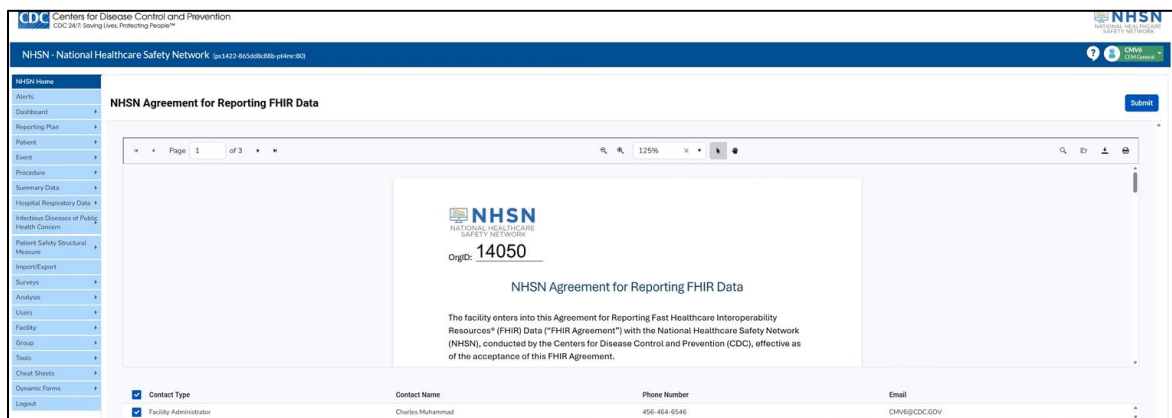
1. All currently enrolled NHSN Facility Administrators will see the following text banner in the NHSN application on the “Alerts” page informing them that the FHIR Agreement is available. The agreement must be reviewed and electronically accepted by a Facility Administrator on behalf of facilities who plan to participate in NHSN FHIR reporting.

The FHIR Agreement is now available in the application and must be signed by a Facility Administrator in order to enable the option of dQM reporting for your facility. If you are the Facility Administrator, [click here](#) to complete the form.

Although all NHSN users will see the text alert upon logging into a NHSN facility, any user who is *not* the Facility Administrator will be unable to select and accept the FHIR Agreement for that facility (it will be greyed out).

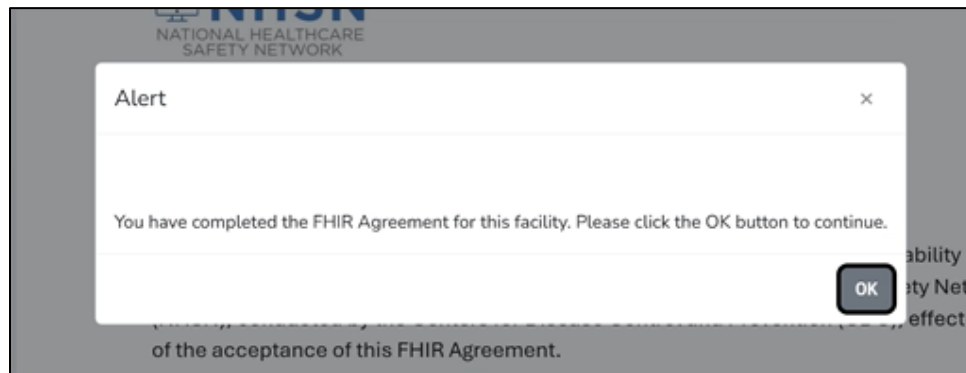


2. When the Facility Administrator clicks the ‘click here’ link in the banner, the NHSN FHIR Agreement will appear in a viewing window.

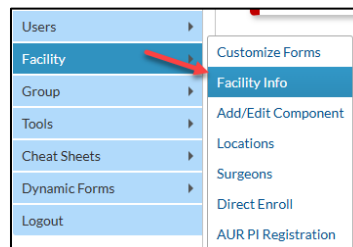


The updated FHIR Agreement will be signed once per OrgID rather than once per enrolled component. (The requirements to sign may vary for certain federal facility types. Information specific to those facility types will be shared directly with affected facilities.)

- Once the Facility Administrator clicks the “Submit” button, a pop-up window will display indicating that the FHIR Agreement was successfully accepted. NHSN will also send an email to the Facility Administrator confirming that the FHIR Agreement was accepted.



- In addition to receiving a pop-up confirmation box and a confirmation email, the Facility Administrator can verify that this process has been completed to cover all enrolled components by visiting the “Facility Info” tab on the left-hand navigation bar. From the Facility Info page, scroll down to the Components Followed table. The View Agreement column contains links to a downloadable version of the updated FHIR Agreement with the Facility Administrator’s name and the acceptance date. If you do not see a ‘Y’ for the new FHIR Agreement with a current acceptance date, please reach out to the NHSN Help Desk.



Follow/ Followed	Component	Activated	Deactivated	Agreement Accepted	View Agreement	FHIR Agreement Accepted	View FHIR Agreement
☒	Biovigilance	03/04/2015		Y	View Agreement		
☐	Dialysis						
☒	Healthcare Personnel Safety	03/11/2015		Y	View Agreement		
☐	Healthcare Preparedness						
☐	Long Term Care Facility						
☒	Medication Safety (pilot facilities only)	05/08/2024		Y	View Agreement	Y	View Agreement
☐	Neonatal						
☐	Outpatient Procedure						
☒	Patient Safety	11/19/2014		Y	View Agreement	Y	View Agreement

5. **A facility whose Facility Administrator has not electronically accepted the NHSN Agreement for Reporting FHIR Data will not be able to proceed with activating the ability to report FHIR data to NHSN.** The facility will remain active in NHSN and facility users will still have access to all previous means of data submission.

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