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This email is intended for Facility and Group users of the Patient Safety Component (PSC) of NHSN.

Note: This message applies to your facility's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) Option data only. It does NOT affect your facility's HAI data.

Dear NHSN User,

We recently identified an issue affecting the upload of AR Option Event files with specimen collection dates of January 1, 2024, and forward.

Issue: When trying to submit 2024 AR Option Event Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) files for *Enterococcus* spp. isolates, the CDA files are failing upload and returning the error message "Drug 18929-0 is NOT Found in panel AntiP23_L." Drug 18929-0 refers to gentamicin high potency. The antimicrobial susceptibility testing results for gentamicin high potency are required to be included in the *Enterococcus* spp. files with specimen collection dates of January 1, 2024, and forward. *Enterococcus* spp. AR Option Event files for 2024 that include gentamicin high potency should pass and be accepted by NHSN. However, NHSN is rejecting the files. The issue occurred after the 13.0.0 NHSN release on December 14.

Resolution: A fix for this issue is slated to be included in the 13.0.1 NHSN release tentatively scheduled for the end of January 2025.

Action: For facilities participating in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program, CY 2024 Antimicrobial Use (AU) and AR data must be submitted to NHSN no later than January 31, 2025, in order to be included on the February 1, 2025, AU and AR submission status report. We recommend facilities complete the submission process for their 2024 AR Option Event data as previously planned, noting that their *Enterococcus* spp. files will fail

due to this NHSN issue. As long as at least one AR Event from your facility is submitted successfully for the month (or in the case of indeed no events in the given month, checks the box for “Report No Events” for the month), the facility will receive a “YES” for the AR Event column in the AU and AR submission status report, which can be used as documentation for the PI Program.

Facilities should plan to re-submit their affected 2024 files after the 13.0.1 NHSN release in January 2025. NHSN will send an email to all users and vendors when the fix is in place. Of note, AR Summary (denominator) files are not affected by this issue.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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