

## NHSN v7.0 (September 2012) Release Notes

<b>Changes impacting all NHSN Components:</b>	
<b>Updates to NHSN home page</b>	The home page of each Component has been updated to include an Action Items table. This table shows all of the notifications that NHSN delivers to users in a single place, including updated confer rights templates for groups and alerts to report no events or no procedures.
<b>Updates to NHSN alerts tabs</b>	Several usability enhancements have been made to the NHSN alerts tabs, which facilities use to report no events or procedures. Users are now able to sort and display all alerts for a given tab. Additional "Report No Events" boxes and links to create missing summary records have been added to the alerts tabs as well.
<b>Addition of Critical Access Hospital facility type</b>	Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) are now able to update their facility type in NHSN to indicate their CAH status. Facilities can update their facility type by clicking on Facility and then Facility Info on the NHSN navigation bar. In the "Facility Type" dropdown menu on the Facility Info screen, CAHs should change their type to "HOSP-CAH" and click the Save button to process the change. CAHs will have the same reporting options in NHSN as they did before this release.
<b>Removal of CCN validation</b>	Facilities that were unable to enter their CMS Certification Number (CCN) on the Facility Info page are now able to enter their CCNs successfully. Facilities should ensure that their correct CCN is entered on the Facility Info page.

<b>Introducing the NHSN Long Term Care Component:</b>	
<b>Long Term Care Facility Component now available</b>	NHSN's Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) Component is now active. Long term care facilities (i.e. nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, chronic care facilities, and assisted living/residential care facilities) can find additional information about enrolling and reporting into the LTCF Component on the NHSN website at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/LTC/index.html">http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/LTC/index.html</a> .

<b>Changes to the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component:</b>	
<b>Summary reporting of healthcare personnel influenza vaccination now available</b>	NHSN's Healthcare Personnel Safety Component has been updated to allow for summary reporting of healthcare personnel (HCP) influenza vaccination data. Acute care hospitals participating in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Inpatient Quality Reporting Program will use this method of reporting to comply with reporting requirements for the 2012/13 influenza season. More information about using the HCP Vaccination Module is available on the NHSN website at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps_Vacc.html">http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps_Vacc.html</a> .

### Changes to the Patient Safety Component:

<b>Entry of multiple LAM and RFUSN procedures</b>	NHSN will now accept up to two LAM procedures and up to four RFUSN procedures performed on the same patient on the same day.
<b>Creation of CMS Reports folder in NHSN analysis</b>	Each of the reports that preview the facility-specific data that will be sent to CMS has been moved into a single folder in NHSN's analysis output options. After clicking Analysis and then Output Options, facilities can click through the folder structure to Advanced>CMS Reports>CDC Defined Output to view these reports.
<b>Analysis output option for Complex 30 day SSI SIR by surgeon</b>	A new analysis output option called "SIR - Complex 30 Day SSI Data by Surgeon" has been created. The report can be found by clicking through the analysis output options to Advanced>Procedure Level Data>CDC Defined Output.
<b>Updated SSI output option title</b>	The title of the "Line Listing – Incomplete Procedures for SSI SIR" output option has been changed to "Line Listing – Procedures Excluded from SSI SIR."

### Changes to the Biovigilance Component:

<b>Addition of inpatient dialysis clinic location (for Biovigilance only)</b>	Acute care hospitals are now able to map an inpatient dialysis clinic location for the Biovigilance Component. This location is not able to be used for Dialysis Event reporting in the Patient Safety Component or the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component.
<b>Updated help in NHSN application</b>	NHSN's online help tool has been updated to reflect the most current information for the Biovigilance Component, and help icons have been added throughout the data entry screens for direct access to the help.
<b>Defect in adverse reaction entry fixed</b>	After the software update to NHSN in April 2012, users experienced case definition criteria and transfusion time error messages when trying to enter some reactions. This defect is now corrected and issues entering these reactions should be resolved.

### Changes for facilities reporting via Clinical Document Architecture (CDA):

<b>New events and denominators for CDA import</b>	<p>In this release of NHSN, the system has been updated in order to receive the following data via Clinical Document Architecture (CDA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialysis Event numerator form</li> <li>• Dialysis Event denominator form</li> <li>• MDRO/CDI Module denominator form</li> </ul> <p>Please contact your vendor for more information about whether your infection control surveillance system will be able to create these CDAs. Additional questions can be sent to the NHSN CDA help desk at <a href="mailto:nhsncda@cdc.gov">nhsncda@cdc.gov</a>.</p>
<b>End backwards compatibility for antimicrobial susceptibilities</b>	CDA files submitted for BSI, UTI, and SSI must comply with NHSN pathogen and antimicrobial susceptibility patterns or else they will be rejected. Please contact your vendor if you have any issues importing CDA files after the release.
<b>Notification if CDA import will overwrite existing records</b>	If a CDA file that is imported will overwrite an existing record, the user will be notified on the import processing screen.