

Dear NHSN Users,

The attached document highlights the January 2014 changes, revisions, and updates to the NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual, which impact the way data are collected and reported to NHSN. Although other minor revisions, not highlighted here, have been made to the manual, they generally represent wording and/or format changes not deemed to significantly impact the collection or reporting of NHSN data. Besides the changes listed in this document, it is important to also review the Table of Instructions to ensure that data are collected and reported accurately. Although these changes will not be implemented in the NHSN application until the next application release, expected on January 25, 2014, users are expected to follow all updated guidance for definitions, rules, and criteria for events identified on or after January 1, 2014. Therefore, if you wish to retain 2013 guidance, you have until December 26, 2013 to download and/or print the current-2013 NHSN protocols as they will be removed from the NHSN website on December 27, 2013 and replaced with the January 2014 NHSN protocols.

Happy New Year!

The NHSN Team