

NHSN Users:

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the following reminders and updates:

#### NHSN 8.8 Release

We would like to remind you that the NHSN 8.8 release is scheduled for production deployment on 12/2/2017. There are several NHSN updates being deployed over the course of the weekend of 12/2/2017 so NHSN is scheduled to be offline through 12/3/2017 to allow for adequate time for all deployment and testing activities.

#### NHSN Release Management and Issues Webpage

We also are pleased to announce the rollout of the new NHSN Release Management and Issues webpage. This page is intended to be used as a resource to provide a list of all known NHSN defects currently impacting the application, including those defects that might impact a facility's ability to report and/or review data in time for an upcoming CMS reporting deadline. The NHSN Release Management and Issues webpage can be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/releasemgt/index.html>. Bookmark this link and check back often for updates.

#### Reporting Height and Weight for Procedures

One of the factors included in the surgical site infections (SSI) standardized infection ratio (SIR) calculation is the body mass index (BMI), which is calculated using the patient's height and weight. To avoid skewed data, BMI outlier values are excluded from the SSI SIR calculations. Specifically, adults with less than 12 or greater than 60 kg/m<sup>2</sup> BMI are excluded from all the 2015 Baseline SSI SIR reports. Some of these BMI data outliers are often due to potential data quality issues, which can be corrected. We have noticed a number of procedures from 2017 that contain extreme outlier of BMI data, such as procedures performed in adults with a reported BMI of less than 1 or greater than 500 or 2000 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

The purpose of this message is to remind users to perform data quality checks of BMI data to confirm data entered is correct. If data entered is incorrect, please edit the procedure record(s) individually and save them. Then generate new analysis datasets to incorporate the updates into the analysis datasets. Please see the attached quick reference guide for more information regarding height and weight data entry.

Thank you,

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