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Subject: Updated guidance for HCP influenza vaccination reporting



In the December 2018 NHSN Newsletter, CDC provided information on recent changes to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting requirements for healthcare personnel (HCP) influenza vaccination summary data. Outpatient departments of acute care facilities were included in the list of facilities no longer required to report HCP influenza vaccination summary data to NHSN beginning with the 2018-2019 influenza season. Due to several questions coming into the NHSN inbox requesting clarification of the HCP reporting requirements for CMS' Inpatient Quality Reporting Program, CMS and CDC are providing the following guidance to clarify that the HCP measure is a *facility-wide* measure and does not separate out employees who only work in the inpatient or outpatient areas or work in both. Due to the feasibility and burden of trying to separate out the counts for inpatient and outpatient, we allow facilities to collect and submit a single vaccination count to include all employees hospital-wide that meet the criteria, regardless of whether they work inpatient or outpatient. The hospital-wide or combined counts should be entered on one single influenza vaccination summary data form in NHSN. This includes all units/departments, inpatient and outpatient, that share the same CMS Certification Number (CCN) as the hospital and are affiliated with the acute care facility.

In other words, beginning with the 2018-2019 influenza season, users should follow the guidance below when making determinations about which areas of the acute care facility to include when reporting HCP influenza vaccination summary data to NHSN as part of the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program:

- **Include** all inpatient units/departments of the acute care facility sharing the exact same CCN (100% identical) as the acute care facility, regardless of distance from the facility.
- **Include** all outpatient units/departments of the acute care facility sharing the exact same CCN (100% identical) as the acute care facility, regardless of distance from the facility.
- **Exclude** all inpatient and outpatient units/departments of the acute care facility with a different CCN (even if different by only one letter or number) from the acute care facility.

This guidance supersedes any specific information that CDC had provided regarding reporting for the CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program, including information presented during the January 2019 webinars that CDC hosted for acute care facilities.

Training Materials



Training materials incorporating this guidance will be posted later this month at:
www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/hcp-vaccination/index.html.

Questions

If you have further questions about this reporting, please contact the following groups:

- **NHSN**
nhsn@cdc.gov (Please include 'HPS Flu Summary-Acute Care' in the subject line of your message)
- **CMS support contractor for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program**
InpatientSupport@vigrc1.hcqis.org or toll-free at (844) 472-4477

