Below is a summary of significant modifications for the NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual, which will go into effect January 1, 2020. Chapters not listed are without significant changes.

**Monthly Reporting Plan**

Addition:

- Surveys must be completed by March 1st each year. After March 1st, facilities will be prevented from entering new monthly reporting plans until completion of the applicable survey(s).

**Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Surveillance**

Addition:

- Statement regarding SSI events that are attributable to procedures performed at a different facility.
- Details regarding custom procedures and events.
- Information to assist NHSN Group Users.

**Clarifications:**

- Update of Attending Physician Key Term to include physician or physician’s designee, specifically, nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant.
- “Scope” clarification provided related to CPT procedure codes.
- Denominator reporting instruction #8 HYST or VHYS:
  - Verbiage updated to include “hysterectomy procedure codes that involve an incision made into the abdomen, including trocar insertion, are listed in the abdominal hysterectomy (HYST) category.”
- Analysis section was expanded to include report types available for SSI data, as well as a link to the analysis quick reference guides for ASCs.