Mark Your Calendars!

The third quarter 2015 NHSN reporting deadline for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) rule for calendar year 2015 (payment year 2017) is right around the corner!

July, August, and September 2015 Dialysis Event data must be correct and complete in NHSN by Thursday, December 31, 2015.

To verify that your facility is reporting correctly, refer to the NHSN Dialysis Event Surveillance Protocol.

To verify minimum reporting requirements are met, run the “Line Listing – CMS ESRD QIP Rule” report. Refer to “How to Create and Read an NHSN Report for CMS ESRD QIP” for instructions.

Verify the CMS Certification Number (CCN) is correct for 2015. If your facility was assigned a new CCN or changed CCN due to a change of ownership, enter your new CCN in NHSN before each reporting deadline. The "CCN Effective Date" is your CMS survey date.

Also check the accuracy of your facility’s data by running reports in NHSN. For example, run the “Rate Table – Bloodstream Infection Data” report and review your facility’s bloodstream infection rates. The “How to Create and Read an NHSN Report for Bloodstream Infections” guide and other “How to” guides found on the Dialysis Event homepage, under the “Analysis Resources to Create Reports” section, provide step-by-step instructions for creating and interpreting reports.

Check the data to ensure:

1. Adequate follow-up was done to identify all reportable positive blood cultures, which includes positive specimens collected as an outpatient or collected by a hospital within one calendar day of a hospital admission.
2. Each dialysis event was reported in accordance with the 21-day rule.
3. Only outpatients who received hemodialysis treatment on the first two working days of the month were counted one time in the monthly denominator.

Questions about NHSN? Contact us at nhsn@cdc.gov with “Dialysis” in the subject line and we will respond to your inquiry within 5 business days.