Below is a summary of significant modifications for the NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual, which will go into effect January 1, 2023.

**NHSN Overview**
No significant changes

**Monthly Reporting Plan and Annual Facility Survey**
No significant changes

**Same Day Outcome Measures**
No significant changes

**Surgical Site Infection Surveillance**
- Clarification provided to SSI event detail ‘Surveillance Period for SSI’ regarding return visits to the OR and non-NHSN operative procedures
- Added anesthesiologist ‘designee’ may assign ASA physical status
- Clarification provided to which procedures have secondary incision site available to SSI attribution
- General Organ/Space SSI criterion ‘c’ has been updated to clarify imaging that is definitive or equivocal for infection is sufficient to meet this criterion
- Clarification provided to invasive manipulation/accession reporting instruction

**Key Terms**
- Added the following key terms: Fever, Gross anatomical exam, Vital Signs
- Clarification provided to ‘Surveillance cultures’ definition