

CMS IPPS Rule Messages
CDC
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- CDC will share with the CMS healthcare-associated infection data for Medicaid eligible hospitals
 - Part of CMS' elective pay for reporting system – hospitals that comply with RHQDAPU requirements, including HAI reporting through NHSN will receive more Medicare dollars
 - Changes effective for discharges on Jan. 1, 2011 and after
 - CLABSIs first (intensive care units and high-risk nurseries)
 - SSIs and other infections to follow, beginning January 2, 2012
 - Hospital Compare will make public facility specific infection data
- Encouraging to see CMS build upon its work in preventing healthcare-acquired conditions, including HAIs
 - Another sign that HAIs are recognized as a significant measure of healthcare quality
- CDC expects that this change will fuel existing momentum toward HAI prevention and elimination
- Represents another step forward for CDC toward greater transparency of HAI data
 - Began by sharing data with health departments under state public reporting mandates
- Increases accountability and transparency within healthcare system
 - Important for facilities to have incentives for reporting infections
 - Facilities that participate are rewarded for their efforts
- Excellent way for patients to see how their hospital is doing on several quality of care issues, including HAI prevention
- This policy gives states and facilities data for action
 - Informs prevention strategies and evaluation of efforts toward HAI elimination
- Logical extension of current reporting systems
 - Hospitals are used to reporting HAI infection data to NHSN
 - Also used to reporting other quality data to CMS for Hospital Compare
- Highlights the importance of supporting a strong infection prevention program and enhances the role of healthcare epidemiologists and infection preventionists in overall facility performance

- Data validation strategies are being tested and are expected to be in place in coming reporting years

Hospital Compare

- Publicly reports hospital performance in a consistent and unified manner to ensure the availability of credible information about the care delivered in U.S. hospitals
 - 4,000 hospitals participate
 - Web site hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- In collaboration with the Hospital Quality Alliance, led by CMS
 - A public/private partnership led by CMS and including AHA and other stakeholders

Resources

CMS Press Release:

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=3804&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=1%2C+2%2C+3%2C+4%2C+5&intPage=&showAll=&pYear=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

NHSN:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms-welcome.html>

Hospital Compare:

<http://hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/>

RHQDAPU:

<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1138115987129>

Quality Net:

<http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetHomepage&cid=1120143435363>