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**From:** Inpatient VIQR Support Contractor  
**Sent:** **February 3, 2025**  
**To:** IQR Improve  
**Subject:** **NOTICE: 3Q 2024 Clinical, HAI, and COVID-19 HCP Vaccination Data Submission Deadline is February 18, 2025**

The purpose of this email is to notify hospitals participating in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) and Hospital Acquired-Condition (HAC) Reduction Programs that the data submission deadline for the following requirements is **February 18, 2025**, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time:

- Third quarter (3Q) 2024 Chart-Abstracted Clinical measures (SEP-1)
- 3Q 2024 COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel measure (HCP COVID-19 Vaccination)
- 3Q 2024 Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) measures

By **February 18, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time**, Hospital IQR and HAC Reduction eligible hospitals are required to:

- **UPLOAD CLINICAL DATA** for 3Q 2024 via the [Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal](#).
- **SUBMIT HCP COVID-19 VACCINATION DATA** for 3Q 2024 through the National Healthcare Safety Network ([NHSN](#)) application.
- **SUBMIT HAI DATA** for 3Q 2024 through the [NHSN](#) application.

**IPPS MEASURE EXCEPTION FORM FOR HAI MEASURES:**

For the Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) measures, hospitals that do not have qualifying wards and/or performed nine or fewer of any of the specified Surgical Site Infection procedures, can file an HAI measure exception using the [IPPS Measure Exception Form](#). This form must be renewed annually. CMS must receive the exception form as soon as possible, but no later than the **February 18, 2025** deadline.

**NOTE:** After the submission deadline, no data can be edited or submitted to the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Secure Portal. Data modified in NHSN after the submission deadline are not sent to CMS and will not be used in CMS quality programs.

**DATA SUBMISSION VERIFICATION:** Details on how to verify data submission can be found in the [Q3 2024 IQR Program Checklist](#).

**EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPTIONS (ECE)**

In the event that your hospital is unable to submit data or meet requirements due to an extraordinary circumstance, you may request an individual exception. Please refer to the [HAC Reduction Program](#), [Hospital VBP](#), [HRRP](#), and [Hospital IQR](#) resources on *QualityNet* for further information.

**HOSPITAL CONTACT INFORMATION:** To ensure your hospital receives critical communications about meeting the requirements it is important that we have the complete contact information for the

key roles at your hospital. Updates to your contact information can be submitted, if needed, using the [Hospital Contact Form](#).

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