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Proposed changes to 2020 New York State hospital-acquired infection reporting requirements

The New York State (NYS) Department of Health (Department) requires that hospitals report certain hospital-acquired infections using CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). In 2019, hospitals are required to report central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) in intensive care units, medical/surgical wards, oncology, mixed-acuity, and step-down units; surgical site infections following colon, hip replacement, coronary artery bypass graft, abdominal hysterectomy, and spinal fusion procedures; *Clostridium difficile* infections; and carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae infections. The Department is proposing the following two changes to the reporting requirements beginning January 2020.

1. Expand mandated reporting of central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) to include Telemetry units.

NYS excludes certain hospital location types from reporting CLABSIs. Telemetry units were excluded because they were not thought to typically have many patients with central lines or CLABSIs. However, during recent audits NYSDOH staff have identified a significant number of BSIs in patients with central lines on telemetry units, leading to the conclusion that the locations were incorrectly mapped, or the acuity and presence of devices is higher than originally thought. It is important to add CLABSI reporting in telemetry units to improve the accuracy of the data and to decrease morbidity and mortality associated with these preventable infections in these units. The data would be reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) using the location name IN:ACUTE:WARD:TEL.

Monitoring CLABSIs in all hospital inpatient locations is supported by the National Quality Forum (CLABSI measure 0139). Evidence-based central line insertion and maintenance practices to reduce the risk of CLABSIs are applicable to central line use across hospital locations. Standardized surveillance allows hospitals to track their progress over time and compared to other facilities.

2. Exclude reporting of *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI) and carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) by inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs)

Currently in NYS, hospitals are mandated to report laboratory-identified inpatient cases of CDI and CRE infections. In 2015, CDC modified the NHSN application to allow users to designate inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs) with separate CMS Certification Numbers (CCN), and at the same time modified the laboratory-identified event reporting protocol to exclude these locations from facility-wide inpatient (FWI) CDI/MDRO reporting. NYS required hospitals to report CDI and CRE numerator and denominator data in IPFs to facilitate monitoring trends and validating that facilities appropriately exclude these counts

from the FWI data. CDI and CRE rates in IPFs are very low, and data entry is time consuming. Therefore, NYSDOH believes IPFs can be exempted from reporting these indicators without negatively impacting patients within these facilities. NYS will continue to require CDI and CRE reporting in Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) within the hospital.

The changes to mandatory reporting detailed above would begin January 1, 2020.

Annual NYS HAI reports

(https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/facilities/hospital/hospital_acquired_infections/) continue to show significant variation in risk-adjusted HAI rates across hospitals, indicating opportunities for improvement among the hospitals with the highest rates. To encourage the continued progress of preventing HAIs by NYS hospitals, there will be no additional changes in current mandated reporting indicators.

For additional information about the NYSDOH HAI Reporting Program, see http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/facilities/hospital/hospital_acquired_infections/

Please email comments to: HAI@health.state.ny.gov or write to: Hospital-Acquired Infection Reporting Program, New York State Department of Health, Corning Tower Room 523, Albany NY, 12237 by November 20, 2019.