News from the NHSN Help Desk

Upcoming Quarter 4 CMS ESRD QIP Reporting Deadline: March 31, 2016!

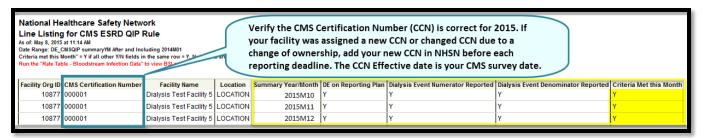
Mark Your Calendars!

The Quarter 4 deadline for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) rule for calendar year 2015 (payment year 2017) is right around the corner!

Report 4th Quarter 2015 data to NHSN by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**.



Facilities reporting to NHSN should report all 3 months of <u>October, November, and December 2015</u> data by <u>March 31, 2016</u> in order to receive full credit for Quarter 4 reporting and to meet all minimum requirements for the CMS ESRD QIP.



To verify that your facility meets the CMS minimum criteria for Quarter 4, refer to the NHSN Dialysis Event Protocol to correctly report all dialysis events to NHSN and run the "Line Listing for CMS ESRD QIP Rule" report. For instructions on running this report, reference the "How to Create and Read an NHSN Report for CMS ESRD QIP" guide, which can be found on the Dialysis Event homepage.

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, provide detailed instructions for creating and interpreting reports.

Check the data to ensure that:

- 1. Adequate follow-up has been completed on all positive blood cultures collected outside of the dialysis clinic on the day of and on the day after hospitalization
- 2. All dialysis events have been reported in accordance with the 21-day rule
- 3. All patients have only been counted once 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.