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Helpful Tips for FacWideIn CDI LabID Event Reporting for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting (LTCHQR) Program

The following steps should be completed prior to the quarterly CMS LTCHQR Program deadline:

☐ **Verify Your Facility's CMS Certification Number (CCN)**
An accurate CCN is required for those facilities participating in CMS's LTCHQR Program, as this is the ID that will be used to submit FacWideIn CDI LabID data to CMS on your behalf. To update the CCN, use the **Facility > Facility Info** option within NHSN. At the top of the Facility Information screen, verify and update, if necessary, the CCN in the appropriate data entry field. If any changes have been made, remember to click the **"Update"** button at the bottom of screen. *Please be sure to double- and triple-check this number!*

☐ **Check the Monthly Reporting Plan each month**
When NHSN releases FacWideIn CDI LabID data to CMS for those long term care hospitals (LTCHs) participating in CMS's LTCHQR Program, only those months in which the facility included FacWideIn CDI LabID in its NHSN monthly reporting plan (MRP) will be included. It is the responsibility of each facility to check their MRPs for compliance with this requirement.

☐ **Enter FacWideIn denominator data for each month under surveillance**
Overall, inpatient facility-wide denominator data (i.e., *C. diff* patient days and *C. diff* admissions) can be entered using the Summary Data > Add option within NHSN and selecting "MDRO and CDI Prevention Process and Outcomes Monthly Monitoring Form"

☐ **If no events have been identified, check "Report No Events" on denominator data form**
IMPORTANT! Facilities must appropriately **Report No Events** for those months for which no events of each type under surveillance were identified. If no events have been reported and this box is not checked, your data will <u>not</u> be submitted to CMS. For instructions, please see Step 5 of the document titled "How to Set Up NHSN Reporting for Facility-Wide Inpatient MRSA bacteremia and *C. difficile* LabID Events for the CMS Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program.", available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/index.html#mrsa

☐ **If CDI LabID events have been identified, enter these events into NHSN**
CDI LabID events can be entered by using the Event > Add option within NHSN. Note that you must specify the inpatient location where the specimen was collected.

☐ **Use NHSN Analysis Tools to check for accuracy and completion**
The NHSN Analysis Output Option, "Rate Table – CDI LabID Data for LTCH PPS" was created in order to allow facilities to review those CDI LabID data that would be submitted to CMS on their behalf. For more information about this output option, please see the document **Using the "Rate Table – CDI LabID Data for LTCH PPS" Output Option** on the NHSN website: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/index.html#mrsa

Additional Resources:

Operational Guidance for Long Term Care Hospitals to Report Facility-Wide Inpatient (FacWideIN) Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI) Laboratory-Identified (LabID) Event Data to CDC's NHSN for the Purpose of Fulfilling CMS's Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Requirements: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/CMS/LTACH-CDI-Op-Guidance2015.pdf

NHSN Surveillance for *C. difficile*, MRSA, and other Drug-resistant Infections: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/LTACH/mdro-cdi/index.html