NHSN Location Mapping Checklist for Acute Care Hospitals (ACHs) Participating in the CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program

Step 1: Review the NHSN Locations Protocol for a full list of CDC Location Labels, Codes, and Descriptions to ensure that locations have been correctly mapped in NHSN.
https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/pscmanual/15locationsdescriptions_current.pdf

Questions about mapping an inpatient unit per the CDC Location definitions can be directed to NHSN at nhsn@cdc.gov.

Step 2: Determine if your ACH is required to report Device-Associated (DA) healthcare-associated infection (HAI) data to CMS.

If your facility participates in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program, then your facility is required to report CLABSI, CAUTI, SSI, MRSA Bacteremia LabID, and C. difficile LabID events to CMS. To contact the Hospital Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting Outreach and Education Support Program, please email iqr@hsag.com, or by calling toll-free, (844) 472-4477 OR (866) 800-8765, weekdays from 8 a.m. ET to 5 p.m. PT.

Step 3: Review the CMS Reporting Requirements for DA HAIs: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cms/cms-reporting-requirements.pdf
Determine if your ACH has any CMS-reportable locations for DA HAI events:

HAI Event	CDC Location Codes		
CLABSI	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:B	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:R	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_M
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:B_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:R_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_MS
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:C	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:S	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_PED
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:CT	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:S_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_S
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:CT_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:T	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:NURS
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:M	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:T_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:NURS_IV
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:MS	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC_STEP:NURS	
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:M_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:M	
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:MS_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS	
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:N	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS_PED	
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:NS	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:M_PED	
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:NS_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:S	
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:PNATL	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:S_PED	

CAUTI	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:B	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:NS	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:M
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:B_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:NS_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:C	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:PNATL	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS_PED
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:CT	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:R	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:M_PED
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:CT_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:R_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:S
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:M	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:S	☐ IN:ACUTE:WARD:S_PED
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:MS	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:S_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_M
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:M_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:T	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_MS
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:MS_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:T_PED	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_PED
	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:N	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC_STEP:NURS	☐ IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_S

If yes, then your facility is required to submit complete and accurate data to NHSN, per the NHSN surveillance protocols and definitions, for each of the locations in-scope for the CMS HIQR Program. The following resources provide guidance on ensuring complete reporting for the CMS HIQR Program via NHSN:

CMS Resources for NHSN Users: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/index.html

Adding/Correcting a CMS Certification Number in NHSN:
https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cms/changing-ccn-within-nhsn.pdf

NHSN Monthly Checklist for Reporting to CMS Hospital IQR:
https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cms/ACH-Monthly-Checklist-CMS-IQR.pdf

If your hospital does not have at least one of the DA HAI reportable locations listed above, then your hospital must submit an "IPPS Measure Exception Form" with CMS in order to successfully meet HAI reporting requirements. The form, available through QualityNet, allows a facility to indicate that, in accordance with NHSN location definitions, it has no qualifying ICU or adult or pediatric medical, surgical, or medical/surgical ward locations. Questions regarding the CMS IPPS Measure Exception Form should be directed to the QualityNet Hospital Inpatient Questions and Answers Tool:
https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa.

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