



Dear NHSN Users and Partners,

We are writing to inform you a revision is being made to the catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI) predictive models developed for the 2015 NHSN Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR) re-baseline effort.

CDC detected an error in the models used to analyze and report 2015 and 2016 data for acute care hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities. This is a new error and is separate from the previous issue identified in the central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) predictive models.

Our first priority is to provide NHSN users and partners with reliable and actionable data, and we deeply regret the issues that have arisen this year.

CDC is developing new CAUTI models and will produce and implement SIRs for affected facilities as quickly as possible. We will provide a timetable for the completion and implementation of these models in the coming weeks.

In addition, we are working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to understand the impact on CMS programs. CMS will communicate information on payment and public reporting impact as expeditiously as possible. All questions about Medicare programs should be directed to CMS.

Most importantly, we are in the process of identifying a systematic approach to build multiple quality safeguards to ensure the accuracy of data in NHSN.

Although we do not anticipate additional errors, if any arise we will notify users and partners promptly.

It is our goal to respond to all questions and concerns in a timely manner. Please reach out to us at nhsn@cdc.gov. Questions related to CMS public reporting can be submitted to hospitalcompare@hsag.com.

Sincerely,
The NHSN Team