

NHSN Location Mapping Checklist for Acute Care Hospitals (ACHs) Participating in the CMS Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)

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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: [CDC Locations and Descriptions and Instructions for Mapping Patient Care Locations](#).



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 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), 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 (i.e., CLABSI/CAUTI) HAIs: [Reporting Requirements and Deadlines in NHSN per CMS Current & Proposed Rules](#).

Determine if your ACH has any CMS Reportable locations for DA HAI Events:

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



HAI Event	CDC Location Codes (locCDC)		
CLABSI-ONC (NEW for CY 2026)	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_LEUK	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_HSCT_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_M
	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_LYMPH	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_HONC	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_MS
	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_LL	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_HONC_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_PED
	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_ST	IN:ACUTE:STEP:ONC	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_S
	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_HSCT	IN:ACUTE:MIXED:ONC	

HAI Event	CDC Location Codes (locCDC)		
CAUTI	IN:ACUTE:CC:B	IN:ACUTE:CC:NS	IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS
	IN:ACUTE:CC:B_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:NS_PED	IN:ACUTE:WARD:MS_PED
	IN:ACUTE:CC:C	IN:ACUTE:CC:PNATL	IN:ACUTE:WARD:M_PED
	IN:ACUTE:CC:CT	IN:ACUTE:CC:R	IN:ACUTE:WARD:S
	IN:ACUTE:CC:CT_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:R_PED	IN:ACUTE:WARD:S_PED
	IN:ACUTE:CC:M	IN:ACUTE:CC:S	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_M
	IN:ACUTE:CC:MS	IN:ACUTE:CC:S_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_MS
	IN:ACUTE:CC:M_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:T	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_PED
	IN:ACUTE:CC:MS_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:T_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_S
	IN:ACUTE:CC:N	IN:ACUTE:WARD:M	

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	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_LL	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_HONC_PED	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_PED
	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_ST	IN:ACUTE:STEP:ONC	IN:ACUTE:CC:ONC_S
	IN:ACUTE:WARD:ONC_HSCT	IN:ACUTE:MIXED:ONC	

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 IPPS Program. The following resources provide guidance on ensuring complete reporting for the CMS IPPS Program via NHSN:

CMS Resources for NHSN Users: [CMS Requirements](#) | [NHSN](#) | [CDC](#)

Adding/Correcting a CMS Certification Number (CCN) in NHSN: [Changing a CMS Certification Number within NHSN](#)

NHSN Monthly Checklist for Reporting to CMS Hospital IPPS Program: [NHSN Monthly Checklist for Reporting to CMS Hospital IPPS](#)



If your hospital does not have at least one of the DA HAI reportable locations listed above, then your hospital must submit a “*Measure Exception Form for Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Data Submission*” 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](#), there are no adult or pediatric ICU locations and no adult or pediatric medical, surgical, combined medical/surgical wards, oncology wards, oncology step-down units, or oncology mixed-acuity units.

Questions regarding the CMS *Measure Exception Form for Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Data Submission* should be directed to the QualityNet Hospital Inpatient Questions and Answers Tool: [Customer Service Portal - QualityNet](#)

