

**Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention
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Department of Health (Department) Updates

Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination Guidance

Ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) that participate in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS) Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program must report health care personnel (HCP) influenza vaccination summary data via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [National Healthcare Safety Network](#) (NHSN) for the 2014-2015 influenza season (Oct. 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015).

ASC's need to enroll in NHSN to report health care personnel influenza vaccine rates for CMS payment determination for the 2014/2015 flu season. This should be done as soon as possible to avoid Medicare penalties. Please be sure to read all emails sent by NHSN during the enrollment process, as they contain important links and information regarding the steps involved in the process.

Guidance for the [enrollment process in NHSN](#) as well as resources that include [training and protocols for health care personnel influenza vaccination](#) are provided on the NHSN website.

Each CMS-licensed ASC with an ASC CCN (10 digits with a "C" in the third position) should enroll in NHSN as a separate facility (i.e., they will have a unique NHSN OrgID) even if they are owned by or affiliated with a health care system or acute care hospital.

If an ASC has the same CCN as the hospital, it should not be enrolled in NHSN as a separate facility. The HCP vaccination information for the ASC may continue to be included in the HCP data submitted by the hospital.



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Resources and Information

Training Opportunities

[APIC Annual Conference 2015](#)

June 27 - 29, 2015
Nashville, Tennessee

[SHEA Spring 2015: Science Guiding Prevention](#)

May 14 - 17, 2015
Orlando, Florida

[Education for the Prevention of Infection \(EPI®\) 101](#)

March 16 - 18, 2015
Seattle, Washington
September 21 - 23, 2015
Austin, Texas

[Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Surgery Centers 101 \(ASC 101\)](#)

March 19 - 21, 2015
Seattle, Washington
September 21 - 23, 2015
Austin, Texas

[Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Surgery Centers 102 \(ASC 102\)](#)

September 24 - 26, 2015
Austin, Texas

NHSN Contact Information

For NHSN help, please send an email to: nhsn@cdc.gov.

Remember to include the facility five-digit NHSN assigned ID number with your question.

CDC's NHSN website: www.cdc.gov/nhsn