



Healthcare-Associated Infection Reporting under 246-440-100 WAC

Overview

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Background

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.70.056 charges hospitals to collect and submit healthcare-associated infection (HAI) data to the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH) via CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Under the RCW, WA DOH is charged with using these data to compile and publish reports, implement regional infection prevention strategies, and evaluate the quality and accuracy of healthcare-associated infection reporting. The RCW further directs that "The department shall, by rule, delete, add, or modify categories of reporting when the department determines that doing so is necessary to align state reporting with the reporting categories of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services [CMS]." Specific reporting requirements are found in 246-440-100 Washington Administrative Code (WAC). **As such, WA DOH completed rulemaking to align WA State HAI reporting requirements with those required by CMS.**

Update to 246-440-100 WAC

Purpose of 246-440-100 WAC

The WAC established data collection and submission requirements for healthcare-associated infections for hospitals licensed under chapter 70.71 RCW.

Update to 246-440-100 WAC (starting January 2020)

The updates align Washington State HAI requirements with current CMS requirements. **This update does not increase the reporting burden of hospitals if they are reporting according to CMS requirements.** If your facility participates in other quality programs (Partnership for Patients, Leapfrog, etc.), those programs may have additional reporting requirements. The WAC updates go into effect January 1, 2020 (see Table 1).

TABLE 1: Hospital Reporting Requirements for HAIs under WAC 246-440-100, January 2020

Hospital Type (CMS Reporting Project)	Required Reporting (Healthcare-associated Infection Event)
Critical Access Hospital - (CMS Additional Member Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) Measures authorized by 42 U.S.C 1395i-4)	National Health Safety Network Annual Hospital Survey (Antimicrobial stewardship)
	Healthcare personnel Flu Vaccination all inpatient locations
	Optional Reporting (Healthcare-associated Infection Event)
	Central line-associated blood stream infection
	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection
	Surgical site infection – colon procedure
	Surgical site infection – abdominal hysterectomy procedure
	MRSA bacteremia LabID Event
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event

Hospital Type (CMS Reporting Program or Project)	Reporting Requirement (Health Care-Associated Infection Event)	Reporting Specifications (if any)
Acute Care Hospital (CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1395ww (b)(3)(B)(viii))	Central line-associated blood stream infection	Adult, pediatric and neonatal intensive care units, medical, surgical, and medical/surgical wards
	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection	Adult and pediatric intensive care units, medical, surgical, and medical/surgical wards
	Surgical site infection – colon procedure	Inpatient procedures
	Surgical site infection – abdominal hysterectomy procedure	Inpatient procedures
	MRSA bacteremia LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	Healthcare personnel Flu Vaccination	All inpatient healthcare personnel
	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection	All adult and pediatric inpatient rehabilitation locations
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
Healthcare personnel Flu Vaccination	All inpatient healthcare personnel	
Cancer Hospital (CMS PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1395cc(k))	Central line-associated blood stream infection	All bedded inpatient locations
	Catheter-associated urinary tract infection	All bedded inpatient locations
	Surgical site infection – colon procedure	Inpatient procedures
	Surgical site infection – abdominal hysterectomy procedure	Inpatient procedures
	MRSA bacteremia LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	<i>Clostridioides</i> (FKA <i>Clostridium</i>) <i>difficile</i> LabID Event	Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIn)
	Healthcare personnel Flu Vaccination	All inpatient healthcare personnel

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