

## TDSHS Frequently Asked Questions for HAI Reporting Changes

- **Which standardized infection ratio will be used for surgical site infections?** The all SSI SIR model will continue to be used by Texas for public reporting.
- **Do we have to report the health care personnel influenza vaccination data?** No. This is a HAI.
- **Do I have to report SSIs for the discontinued procedures if they occur after Dec. 31, 2019?** Yes. For SSIs, the Texas Department of State Health Services goes by the date of procedure rather than the date of event. Therefore, any old procedures performed in 2019 will still need to be followed for the appropriate surveillance time period and may have associated SSI events reported in 2020.
- **I work at a children's hospital, and it is exempt from CMS reporting. Do I still have to report for Texas?** Yes. You are considered a general hospital so you will be required to report the same data as general hospitals.
- **Are the deadlines for submitting data going to be the same as CMS' deadlines starting with 2020 data?** No. TDSHS will maintain the same data submission deadlines it has always had in place.
- **Will we need to confer rights again in 2020?** Yes. You will need to confer rights again in 2020. TDSHS will send a notice and instructions once the confer rights template is updated.
- **What will Texas do with the new MRSA/*C. difficile* Lab ID data?** These data will be used to direct prevention efforts as needed around the state. They will also help inform antimicrobial stewardship efforts across the state.
- **When will we see the changes reflected in the Texas Healthcare Safety Network reports?** The first changes will occur on public reports of data from January – June 2020. These are set to be published in December 2020. TDSHS tentatively anticipates lab ID event data to be shown on facility data reports starting January – June 2022 (to be published December 2022).

- **I work at a critical access hospital. Are my reporting requirements different?** Yes, if you are licensed as a general hospital. Then you will be required to report the same data as general hospitals. If you are not licensed as a general hospital, then you are not required to report health care safety data to Texas.