**FY 2018 Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program Second**

**Review and Corrections Period**

**September 14 – October 13, 2017**

During the fiscal year 2018 Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program Review and Corrections period (July 19 through August 17, 2017), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found a computer programming error that excluded all four quarters of calendar year 2015 surgical site infection abdominal hysterectomy data from SSI measure result calculations for the HAC reduction program.

# Error Description

The SSI measure in the HAC Reduction Program is a “pooled” measure, based on the number of SSIs following colon surgical procedures and total abdominal hysterectomy procedures.  Hospitals report SSI data via the CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network. When the CDC created the FY 2018 HAC reduction program data file, a computer programming error inadvertently excluded all four quarters of CY 2015 SSI abdominal hysterectomy data. CMS used this data file to calculate the HAC reduction program measure results.

# Impact Summary

**This error only affected the data for the FY 2018 HAC Reduction Program, which includes data from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016.** This error did not affect other CMS payment programs.

# Error Resolution

CMS recalculated the FY 2018 HAC reduction program SSI measure scores, domain 2 scores, and total HAC Scores, and created corrected HSRs for all subsection (d) hospitals eligible for the HAC reduction program. **CMS will conduct a second 30-day review and corrections period from September 14 through October 13, 2017. Hospitals can only review those data elements directly affected by the incomplete SSI data, specifically the SSI measure score which includes: Winsorized measure result, standard deviation, mean, 5th percentile, and 95th percentile Winsorized measure results calculated across all subsection (d) and Maryland hospitals; domain 2 score; and total HAC Score.** **Hospitals with a change in payment reduction statuses will receive more information in a separate email.**

Hospitals reviewed their domain 1 scores, as well as central line-associated bloodstream infection, catheter-associated urinary tract infection, SSI abdominal hysterectomy and colon procedures, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus bacteremia, and clostridium difficile infection measure scores, during the first review and corrections period in August 2017.

If a hospital has concerns or questions about their hospital’s SSI measure score, domain 2 score, or total HAC score calculation, please email [qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org) no later than 9:59 PM on Friday, Oct. 13, the final day of the review and corrections period, with the subject line: “HACRP: Review and Corrections Inquiry.” Hospitals should describe the reason for requesting a review. Hospitals must include the following information:

* CMS Certification Number
* Hospital Name
* Hospital Address
* Contact person’s name, phone number and email address
* Score(s) to be reviewed (include all that apply):
* SSI measure score
* Domain 2 score
* Total HAC Score

**Hospitals should not include personally identifiable information or protected health information when emailing the HAC reduction program support team. Emailing these data is a security violation.**

Following the second review and corrections period, CMS will publicly report the measure scores, domain scores, total HAC score, and payment reduction indicator on *Hospital Compare* in December 2017.

* Please send questions about CMS’s calculations, issues accessing the HSR, and patient-level data to: QualityNet Help Desk at [qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org) or (866) 288-8912.
* HAC Reduction Program Methodology and General Information
  + *QualityNet* HAC Reduction Program page: [www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1228774189166](http://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic/Page/QnetTier2&cid=1228774189166)
  + Submit a question to the HAC Reduction Program Question and Answer Tool here: <https://cms-ip.custhelp.com/app/homehacrp/p/842>