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To: Hospital CFOs

Cc: Hospital Quality Liaisons
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From: HSCRC Quality/Performance Measurement Team

Date: June 1, 2017

Re: Change to Data Source for National Healthcare Safety Network Measures in the
Performance Period for Rate Year 2018 QBR Program

The purpose of this memo is to inform hospitals that for the rate year (RY) 2018 Quality-Based Reimbursement (QBR) program, the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) measures will be obtained from the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC). The Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) will use NHSN data downloaded by MHCC for the performance period only (October 2015-September 2016) for all NHSN measures. CMS Hospital Compare has discontinued its reporting of the NHSN measures under historical normative values for time periods later than calendar year (CY) 2015. Thus, the performance period data for RY 2018 will be unavailable on Hospital Compare.

The NHSN safety measures were downloaded by MHCC in the beginning of April 2017 for the entire 12-month performance period. We are aware that this data may vary from the data that would be pulled quarterly by CMS due to the fact that hospitals can update NHSN data on an ongoing basis. However, in the absence of performance period data on Hospital Compare, the HSCRC has identified the MHCC data as the most feasible data source for RY 2018 NHSN performance scores.

Please see the attached workbook with the final base and performance data for RY 2018 QBR NHSN Safety measures. For each of the measures, the base and performance period data sources and time frames are listed. In addition, hospitals should have access to their final RY 2018 mortality data through the CRISP Reporting Services (CRS) portal. The final RY 2018 QBR scores will not be available until the fall of 2017, pending the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) and Perinatal Care 01 (PC-01) data being posted on the CMS Hospital Compare website. RY 2018 quality adjustments will go into rates in January or July of CY 2018.

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Enclosure: RY 2018 Safety Data