

CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program

No Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Beds Waiver - Hospital Procedure

Hospitals with **NO** ICU beds can request a waiver instead of National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) enrollment to fulfill the CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (Hospital Reporting) program, Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI), **Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI) reporting requirement.**

A hospital must have **NO** ICU beds to be eligible for this waiver.

Hospitals with **No** ICU beds have **two options** to meet the Hospital Reporting CLABSI requirement for FY 2013 and forward.

OPTION 1: Hospital completes and submits the required “**NO Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Beds Waiver**” form quarterly following the existing clinical data submission deadline, reporting the hospital has no ICU beds using the QualityNet Secure File Exchange Global exchange group, “No ICU Beds-Hospital IQR”, to submit the form to CMS.

OR

OPTION 2: Hospital enrolls in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) in accordance with NHSN Patient Safety Component protocols. In this process the hospital enters the “Patient Safety Component – Annual Facility Survey” form into the NHSN tool. The form requires reporting the number of ICU beds. The hospital must enter **zero** in the number of ICU beds field.

When Option 1 is exercised by a hospital, the following actions occur:

- Hospital completes and submits the “NO Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Beds Waiver” form.
- Support contractor downloads and saves the form via QualityNet Secure File Exchange.
- Support contractor emails confirmation to the CEO or Designee provided on the waiver form and the QIO for the state from which the waiver has been received.